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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Albany (164-47)

January 21, 1976

From: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

FBI FILE NO. [redacted]

UNSUB, aka  
Dan Cooper,  
Re: NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 350,  
PORTLAND, OREGON, TO SEATTLE,  
WASHINGTON, 11/24/71;  
CAA - HIJACKING: EXTORTION

LAB. NO. [redacted]

YOUR NO.

b6  
b7C

OO: Seattle

Reference Letter dated December 10, 1975

The material described below has been searched in the following file without effecting an identification: Anonymous Letter File

Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

The submitted material is temporarily retained.

## MATERIAL SUBMITTED:

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## Remarks:

There were no watermarks, indented writing or other marks of value to aid in determining the source of Q1 and Q2.

2 - Seattle

DB Cooper-17178

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Sac Seattle (16481) DATE: 10-2-79

FROM: Sac Albany

SUBJECT:

 RUC File Destruction Program

FBI/DOJ

(Title)

Enclosed are 4 items.

These items are forwarded your office since:

 All logical investigation completed in this Division You were OO at the time our case was RUC'd.

Enclosures are described as follows:

3-1A Exhibits  
1-Lab Report

UNSUB., AKA  
 DAN COOPER;  
 NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 350  
 PORTLAND, OREGON  
 TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
 11-24-71  
 CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

Enc.

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FBI/DOJ

DB Cooper-17180

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : *Enc Seattle (16481)* DATE: *10-2-79*  
*AD (cc) Albany*

 RUC File Destruction Program

UNSUB., AKA  
 DAN COOPER;  
 NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 350  
 PORTLAND, OREGON  
 TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
 11-24-71  
 CAA - HIJACKING; EXTORTION

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FBI - PORTLAND	
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: October 10, 1979

FROM : *JW/C* SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60) (RUC)

*SUB:*

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SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)

OO: Seattle

Re Las Vegas letter to San Francisco, dated  
June 7, 1979.

Inasmuch as all investigation in Las Vegas Division  
is complete, this matter is being considered RUC.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2 - Seattle  
1 - San Francisco (info)  
1 - Las Vegas  
RJR:taw  
(4)

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

October 10, 1979

SAC, LAS VEGAS (164-60) (RUC)

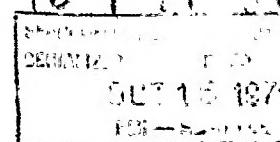
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1 - Las Vegas  
RJR:taw  
(4)



DB Cooper-17183

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P) DATE: 10/24/79

FROM : SA [redacted] b6  
b7C

SUBJECT: NORJACK  
OO: SE

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On 10/19/79 an attempt was made to interview [redacted] at his residence, [redacted] Tacoma, Washington. [redacted] was found not to be at home.

Inquiries made at neighbors ascertained that [redacted] did not have a telephone because he had to [redacted]

On 10/22/79 attempts was again made to contact [redacted]. This time SA [redacted] name and office telephone number were left inside the door of the residence.

On 10/23/79, [redacted] telephonically contacted the FBI at Tacoma from his work in Port Orchard, Washington. It was agreed upon that [redacted] and [redacted] would be available for an interview at the office of the FBI at Tacoma on 10/24/79.

164-81-7205 On 10/23/79 [redacted] telephonically contacted the FBI and left a message that [redacted] would be available for interview at [redacted] telephone [redacted] on 10/23/79 at 4p.m.

On 10/23/79 SAs [redacted] contacted [redacted] residence. Also present at the apartment was a [redacted] from KIRO radio station. [redacted] were informed that an interview would not be conducted in the présence of a news reporter. The reporter voluntarily left the residence; however, [redacted] refused to continue the interview without the reporter present.

It was noted that both a KIRO radio station recording apparatus and a tape recorder of [redacted] was visible in the room. Also noted were numerous wires running under [redacted]

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tables and chairs, suggesting the possibility of other recording devices in the room.

It was noted that during the interview both [redacted] on at least two different occasions, were advised that if they wanted to provide information concerning this matter confidentially they should contact the interviewing Agents, but no interview would be conducted under the conditions existing at [redacted] residence on 10/23/79.

[redacted] was provided a business card of SA [redacted] which contained the office telephone number, in the event he wished to make an appointment later.

[redacted] admitted that he had been on television and was going on the National Inquirer program next month.

Outside the residence [redacted] from KIRO radio, informed interviewing Agents that [redacted] was currently [redacted] D. B. COOPER.

The FBI in Tacoma, anticipates that no further action in this matter will be taken.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SUBJECT: NORJACK  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 10/25/79

FROM : *B7D* SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P) [redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
(OO: Seattle)  
Bufile 164-2111

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Re Portland letter to Seattle dated 6/7/79.

For information of Seattle, contact has been maintained with [redacted] Eagle Creek, Oregon. [redacted] has advised on several occasions that he has continued to maintain contact with his source in this matter, but that no developments have occurred.

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On 10/9/79, [redacted] advised that he has been in contact with his source within the last few days. He stated he requested his source to attempt to resolve this matter as soon as possible. He stated he anticipates a development of some kind within the next few days.

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[redacted] also advised he had learned that the individual with whom his intermediary is in contact is a [redacted] No other details were furnished him. [redacted] also added that his intermediary is a [redacted]

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Portland will continue to remain in close touch with [redacted]

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## ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2 - Seattle  
2 - Portland

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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

10/25/79

SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

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(OO: Seattle)  
Bufile 164-2111

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2 - Seattle  
2 - Portland

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FBI - SEATTLE	

DB Cooper-17189

FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype  
 Facsimile  
 Airtel

## PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate  
 Priority  
 Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET  
 SECRET  
 CONFIDENTIAL  
 UNCLAS E F T O  
 UNCLAS

Date 10/29/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: ~~B/7~~ SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)  
BuFile 164-2111

As the Seattle office is aware and for information of Baltimore, during December, 1976, Allen Landsberg Productions, Los Angeles, California, produced a documentary film concerning captioned case for possible use as a pilot film in a contemplated series which was possibly to be captioned "Still At Large." This series would deal with still uncaptured criminals and would feature a reward offer of \$10,000. If this series did not materialize, it was planned to utilize the documentary film in the current series captioned "In Search Of," also produced by Allen Landsberg Productions and narrated by television star Leonard Nimoy. Upon instructions from the Bureau, the Portland office cooperated in the filming of this documentary, which filming included some footage of and commentary by SA [redacted] Portland case agent.

On Sunday night, 10/28/79, the "In Search Of" television program broadcast the above mentioned documentary concerning this case. On 10/29/79, [redacted] Hunt Valley Maryland, telephone [redacted], telephoned the Portland office and spoke with SAC ARTHUR G. BARGER and SA [redacted]. [redacted] advised that he had observed the above television show and had a suspect in mind who may possibly be identical with UNSUB. [redacted] stated he desired that his identity be kept confidential and that the suspect not be informed that he, [redacted] furnished any information concerning him.

- (2) - Seattle  
2 - Baltimore  
2 - Portland

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[redacted] related that his suspect is one [redacted]  
[redacted] who is employed at the Newark newsstand in Newark,  
Delaware. He said [redacted] is a former military pilot, a  
veteran of the Korean war, came into a large amount of money  
at about the time of the hijacking in this matter and looks  
like the composite artist's conception prepared by Bureau  
artists in this matter. He stated that [redacted] is probably  
in his 40's, but appears younger.

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LEADS

SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Will, if suspect [redacted]  
[redacted] has not already been considered and eliminated in this  
matter, furnish Baltimore with appropriate background information  
with which to conduct indicated investigation to involve or  
eliminate [redacted] in this matter.

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BALTIMORE

AT NEWARK, DELAWARE. Will hold any investigation in  
abeyance pending advise from Seattle.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

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10/29/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: Seattle)  
BuFile 164-2111

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- ② - Seattle  
2 - Baltimore  
2 - Portland

RPH: ckw  
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DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

11/1/79

SAC, WFO (164-169) (RUC)

NORJACK  
(CO: SE)

It is recommended that this file be exempted from the automatic file destruction program until such time as the Seattle Office so instructs.

Due to the notoriety attached to this particular skyjacking and a FGJ "John Doe" indictment, WFO feels that a significant amount of information might be lost if this case were routinely destroyed.

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2-Seattle (164-81)  
2-WFO  
(1- 66-5340)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)

11/1/79

SAC, WFO (164-169) (RUC)

NORJACK  
(CO:SE)

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(1- 66-5340)  
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DB Cooper-17195

FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

Teletype  
 Facsimile  
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## PRECEDENCE:

Immediate  
 Priority  
 Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

TOP SECRET  
 SECRET  
 CONFIDENTIAL  
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 CLEAR

Date 11/9/78*003*

FM SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

MINNEAPOLIS ROUTINE

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NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE.

*SUB 17*  
*SLIP P*

ON NOVEMBER 8, 1978, COWLITZ COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, KELSO, WASHINGTON, PROVIDED A PHOTOGRAPH OF A PORTION OF A ~~DECAL~~ FOUND BY AN INDIVIDUAL APPROXIMATELY TWELVE MILES DUE EAST OF CASTLE ROCK, WASHINGTON, IN A REMOTE AREA. THIS DECAL, WHICH WAS MADE OF WHITE PLASTIC WITH DARK RED LETTERING, WAS TORN BUT READ "...URGENCY..IT HANDLE, AFT AIR STAIR, TO OPERATE, ACCESS DOOR, PULL ON RE...,DOE. LOCK WIRE WILL BRE...,EGN HANDLE IS PULLED". AT THE BOTTOM WERE THE LETTERS AND NUMBERS BAC27DPA.

IN AN UNRELATED INCIDENT, APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO, ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL REPORTED A PARACHUTE IN A TREE. THE AREA WHERE THE PARACHUTE WAS REPORTED WAS WITHIN TWO TO THREE MILES OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED DETAIL. CONTACT WITH THE INDIVIDUAL'S WIFE

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J DB Cooper-17196  
FBI/DOJ

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FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
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## PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- E F T O
- CLEAR

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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REVEALED THE PARACHUTE HE ALLEGEDLY SAW WAS WHITE IN COLOR.

MINNEAPOLIS AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA. WILL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES AND DETERMINE IF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED COULD HAVE COME FROM THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT USED BY COOPER. IF SO, WILL ASCERTAIN IF THE DECAL COULD HAVE COME FROM HIS AIRCRAFT. SUTEL RESULTS.

SEATTLE AT KELSO, WASHINGTON. WILL MAKE ATTEMPTS TO RECOVER THE PARACHUTE ALLEGEDLY SEEN AND THEREAFTER DETERMINE WHERE IT CAME FROM.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DB Cooper-17199

FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype  
 Facsimile  
 AIRTEL

## PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate  
 Priority  
 Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET  
 SECRET  
 CONFIDENTIAL  
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 UNCLAS

Date 11/9/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
 FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (164-NEW) (SQUAD 8)  
 NORJACK  
 CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT-AIR PIRACY (A)  
 OO: Seattle

On 10/28/79, [redacted]  
 Baltimore, Maryland, telephone number [redacted]  
 telephonically advised the Baltimore Division of  
 the following information:

While watching a TV program that evening on a  
 plane skyjacking where the subject jumped from an airplane  
 after receiving a large sum of money, an artist sketch  
 of the subject known as D. B. COOPER was shown.

[redacted] stated that this sketch bears a strong resemblance  
 to [redacted]

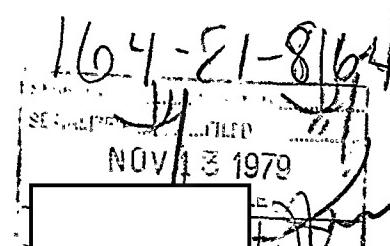
[redacted] resides in the [redacted] located somewhere  
 in the [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia.

[redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, is a [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] always has large sums of  
 money and no visible means of support.

A review of Baltimore indices revealed that  
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BA (164-NEW)

LEADS:

SEATTLE DIVISION

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Review SKYJACK file and furnish photograph, background information, and other items of lead value to Baltimore and Atlanta.

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Locate and interview [redacted] re knowledge of SKYJACK.

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11/9/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (164-NEW) (SQUAD 3) (P)  
NORJACK  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT-AIR PIRACY (A)  
OO: Seattle

On 10/28/79, [redacted]  
Baltimore, Maryland, telephone number [redacted]  
telephonically advised the Baltimore Division of  
the following information:

While watching a TV program that evening on a  
plane skyjacking where the subject jumped from an airplane  
after receiving a large sum of money, an artist sketch  
of the subject known as D. B. COOPER was shown.

[redacted] stated that this sketch bears a strong resemblance  
to [redacted]

[redacted] resides in the [redacted] located somewhere  
in the [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia.

[redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, is a [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] always has large sums of  
money and no visible means of support.

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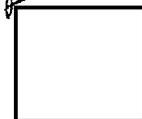
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Page E2  
The Daily News  
Longview, Wa.

# Old parachute wasn't from famed hijacker

Cowlitz County Sheriff Les Nelson says a parachute found in the Kalama River area last Wednesday was definitely not one used by D.B. Cooper in the skyjacking of a Northwest Orient Airlines jet on Nov. 24, 1971.

"We checked with the FBI Tuesday, and they say this is neither the type nor color of the chutes Cooper had," Nelson said.

The parachute turned over to the sheriff's office Monday had a small tag bearing the words "U.S. Air Force," he said, and appeared to be a drag chute.

It was discovered by a logger, Darrell G. Ray of 118 Red Row, Kelso, near the 6257 line off Kalama River Road.

The chute had been buried under vegetation, and appeared to have been in the woods for a long time, according to the sheriff's office.

Bill Williams, an FBI spokesman in Portland, said the chute is not related to the skyjacking case, even though it was found in the general area where Cooper is believed to have left the plane.

The man using the name D. B. Cooper boarded the jet bound from Portland to Seattle on Thanksgiving eve 1971. During the flight he threatened to blow up the plane with a bomb he claimed to have in a briefcase unless he was given ransom money.

After the aircraft landed in Seattle, he freed the passengers and was given \$200,000 cash and four parachutes. He ordered the plane to fly to Reno, but opened the rear airstair over Southwest Washington, and bailed out.

No trace has been found of the skyjacker, the ransom money or the parachutes.

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11/16/78

TO : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS  
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) *164-81*  
SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

Re Seattle teletype to Minneapolis, 11/9/78 and  
Minneapolis telcall to Seattle, 11/12/78.

Enclosed for the Minneapolis Division is one  
polaroid photograph of the decal found near Castle Rock,  
Washington, as described in referenced teletype.

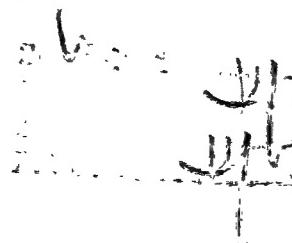
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MINNEAPOLIS  
At Minneapolis, Minnesota

Will advise the Seattle Division of the results of  
the display of the photograph to Northwest Orient Airlines.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

2 - Minneapolis (Enc. 1)  
2 - Seattle  
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11/16/78

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FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
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11/16/78 DB Cooper-17206

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 11/15/79

FROM : *WDP/201* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (RUC) (Monterey RA)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)

Enclosed for Seattle Division is one paper bearing photographs of United States Navy personnel assigned to Class "YS 72", which includes a photograph of [redacted]

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On 11/13/79 [redacted] (Protect Identity) [redacted] *Protect  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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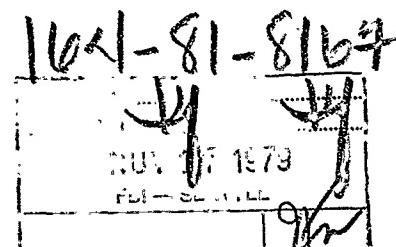
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p.A1 Seattle Times  
 Seattle, Wa.

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DB Cooper-17210

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6/13/79

TO: SAC, [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - FUGITIVE; - SUSPECT  
Theft of Rembrandt Painting  
3/3/71 Entitled "Le Rabbin"  
Leon Bonnat Museum  
Bayonne, France - VICTIM  
ITSP  
(OO: BUFFALO)

Re Buffalo teletype to Seattle, 3/19/79, Seattle  
letter to Buffalo, 5/15/79, and Buffalo telcal to Seattle,  
6/5/79 (SA [REDACTED]).

Previous investigation at [REDACTED]  
reveals that one [REDACTED] who was cooperating with  
California law enforcement authorities, had identified a  
[REDACTED] as a French National who was in possession  
of the captioned painting when he met him in the fall of  
1971 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

In April, 1973, [REDACTED] advised the  
FBI that [REDACTED] was in possession of the captioned  
painting and had obtained it by a "rip off" of a cocaine  
dealer in Canada. Allegedly [REDACTED] utilizing the alias  
of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at that time, was shot during  
this "rip off" and has [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Recent investigation conducted by Buffalo has  
determined that [REDACTED] true name is [REDACTED]

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    (1) 164-81  
2 - Buffalo  
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C/A: [REDACTED]

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DB Cooper-17211

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[redacted] is currently incarcerated at the [redacted]

serving a [redacted]

for a [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] is known to have utilized the following  
aliases:



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LEADS

SEATTLE

AT SEATLLE, WASHINGTON

1. Search indices for references of [redacted] and  
his aliases.

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2. Contact local [redacted] or other [redacted]  
officials and obtain information concerning [redacted] activities,  
known associates, and current conviction.

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3. Set forth status of [redacted] as suspect in  
NORJAK as discussed in referenced telcal.

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AT [redacted]

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1. Conduct an intensive and detailed interview  
with [redacted] re his association with [redacted]  
[redacted] during the period 1971 - 1973.

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2. Attempt to secure [redacted] cooperation in this  
matter and obtain any information he may have re [redacted]  
hangouts, associates, activities, etc., that would be of  
benefit as lead material in locating [redacted]

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Seattle should keep in mind that, as set forth in referenced teletype, [redacted] last known pattern of travel was from Montreal west to Calgary, Alberta, and that he is familiar with the Vancouver, British Columbia area.

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TO: SAC, [REDACTED]  
FROM: SAC, [REDACTED]

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C/A: [REDACTED]

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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7/23/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164- )  
 FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (164-0) (P) (SQUAD 2)

D.B. COOPER  
 CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT  
 OO: SEATTLE

*Due HH*  
*SUBJ*

On 7/18/79, Deputy U.S. Marshal, [REDACTED] Rome Division, NDGA, Rome, GA requested to see a photograph of subject as he has encountered a white male last name of [REDACTED] who has just invested in a large acreage of land in the [REDACTED] and has been unable to learn anything about him. He has no other reason to believe about could be subject.

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b7cSEATTLE DIVISIONAT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Subairtel of subjects description photograph and summary of violation.

ATLANTA DIVISIONAT ROME, GEORGIA

Upon receipt of terms from Seattle will recontact Deputy Marshal [REDACTED] and resolve matter. (Atlanta's reference regarding COOPER has been destroyed.)

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7/23/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164- )  
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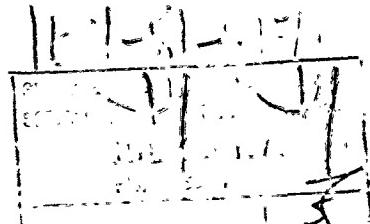
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DB Cooper-17218

Routing Slip  
FD-4 (Rev. 6-28-78)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

To:  Director

Att.: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE # \_\_\_\_\_

Title *D.B. Cooper*

SAC \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Supv. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
 OSM \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Acknowledge  For Information  Return assignment card  
 Assign  Reassign  Handle  Return file  serial  
 Bring file  Initial & return \_\_\_\_\_  
 Call me  Leads need attention  Return with action taken  
 Correct  Open case  Return with explanation  
 Deadline \_\_\_\_\_  Prepare lead cards  Search and return  
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 Discontinue  Recharge file  serial  Type  
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 File  Send to *SAC 3*

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*[Redacted] Spokane has an informant that thinks*

*[Redacted] disappeared*

*6/71 and has not been seen since*

*SAC* *[Redacted]*

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

7/6/72

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[redacted] Northwest Canton,  
 Ohio, was interviewed in the present of her attorney [redacted]  
 [redacted] Canton, Ohio.

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[redacted] stated that she came to Salt Lake City to testify in the hijacking case of RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., [redacted] and had brought her attorney [redacted] [redacted] with her because she felt that MC COY might try to lie about her at the trial.

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[redacted] stated that she moved into the MC COY residence in January, 1972, and prior to that period had attended Ricks College in Rexburg, Idaho. She stated that she had entered the Fall term at Ricks College, and had only been in the MC COY residence in Provo, Utah, only a couple of times prior to her moving there in January.

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She said that on either Tuesday or Wednesday proceeding Thanksgiving Day, 1971, she came to Provo, Utah, and cannot recall at the time if RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., [redacted] were at the residence or if [redacted]

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[redacted] She stated she thinks that MC COY and [redacted] were at the residence on Thanksgiving Day, and seemed to recall that at the spur of the moment, MC COY and [redacted] decided to go to Las Vegas, Nevada, and they wanted her to go to Las Vegas with them, but [redacted] stated she did not have any money to spend on gambling. She stated that she cannot recall if RICHARD FLOYD MC COY was at the residence on Wednesday, and said there is no specific incident that she can recall that would place him in the residence on the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving. She stated she seems to recall that MC COY called the residence to check on [redacted]

[redacted] sometime in the evening of Thanksgiving, and stated that it seems to her that they had Thanksgiving dinner earlier, possibly 12:30 P.M. or 1:00 P.M., and that shortly thereafter MC COY and [redacted] left for Las Vegas. She later pointed out that while they had a Thanksgiving dinner,

Interviewed on 6/29/72 at Salt Lake City, Utah File # 164-24-147  
 by SA [redacted] / ksa Date dictated 6/30/72  
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she cannot recall if this dinner was on Thanksgiving Day itself, or the following Sunday. She stated that she would like to help to exactly place the whereabouts of MC COY at that period of time, but is just unable to recall definitely.

[redacted] stated that she does not recall any tie clasps or ties that MC COY had. b6  
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[redacted] stated that MC COY talked a lot about the Seattle hijacking event, and stated that he had a file of newspaper clippings concerning this hijacking. On several occasions he expressed the opinion that he thought it was [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] stated that she may have written some letters [redacted] who lives in Canton, Ohio, and may have described in these letters something about Thanksgiving dinner, and who may have been there. She stated that she will make these letters available to her attorney, [redacted] and would try to make them available to the FBI. b6  
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Seattle, Wa.Date: 11/22/79  
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# After 8 years, D.B.

## Cooper hijacking

### remains a mystery

by CLYDE JABIN

United Press International

PORLAND — Thanksgiving time has special meaning for Ralph Himmelsbach, Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, especially this year.

It marks the eighth anniversary of his search for D.B. Cooper, who parachuted from a skyjacked jetliner to oblivion with \$200,000 in \$20 bills on Thanksgiving eve, 1971.

Himmelsbach has put in thousands of hours, more than any other law-enforcement official, trying to catch Cooper, and it will be his last Thanksgiving on the case. He takes mandatory retirement next September 30 after 28½ years with the F.B.I.

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Details of the hijacking have become as well known to residents around Lake Merwin as the Indian legends of the area.

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Thus far, the guest of honor has not showed up.

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# After 8 years, D.B. Cooper hijacking remains a mystery.

by CLYDE JABIN  
United Press International

PORLAND — Thanksgiving time has special meaning for Ralph Himmelsbach, Federal Bureau of Investigation agent, especially this year.

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[redacted] Northwest Canton, Ohio, was interviewed at the offices of the U. S. Attorney, Salt Lake City. [redacted] was exhibited photographs of a dark blue or black tie, and a tie clasp that appears to have a white round center, approximately the size of a dime.

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[redacted] stated that she recalls that [redacted] RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR., had a tie similar to the one depicted in the photograph, and also she recalls that he had a tie clasp similar to the one depicted in the photograph. She stated the reason she remembers these two items being worn by MC COY, is the fact that [redacted] [redacted] and she recalls that when he visited her home on one occasion, he bent over a coffee table, and the picture stuck in her mind.

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[redacted] stated that she has some letters that [redacted] had written to her during the Thanksgiving, 1971, period and she also thinks that she may have some photographs of MC COY in which he is wearing a tie. She stated that she will make these letters and photographs available to her attorney, [redacted] who in turn will make them available to the FBI.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE

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For the information of the Seattle Division, one [redacted] Fresno, California, was contacted at her request at her residence on November 5, 1979, at which time she advised as follows:

[redacted] stated that on Wednesday, October 17, 1979, she was watching the television show "In Search Of" which featured a show about the 1971 skyjacking of a North-western Airlines Flight, in which D.B. COOPER was involved.

[redacted] stated that she was born and reared in the Washington town of [redacted] and knew an individual in that town while attending high school there who she is identified as [redacted]. Upon seeing the composite drawing of D.B. COOPER on the above mentioned television show, it immediately struck her that the composite drawing closely resembled [redacted]

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Sex	Male
Height	5' 10" to 5' 11"
Age	Presently 47 years to 48 years old

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him more recently as indicated above. [redacted] stated that she could furnish no further descriptive data regarding [redacted]

[redacted] [redacted] concluded by stating that [redacted] located at the above mentioned residence, could furnish further information regarding [redacted] in the event the FBI was interested in pursuing this matter further.

The above information is being furnished to the Seattle Division for informational purposes only and any further investigative efforts in connection with that information is being left to the discretion of the Seattle Division.

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[redacted], advised that he was a student at Brigham Young University working on his masters degree. He stated he remembers RICHARD FLOYD MC COY, JR. and recalled he was at his residence on Thanksgiving Day, 1971. He stated he met MC COY in a law enforcement class, [redacted]

He stated MC COY had told him that he had been in Southeast Asia in the military and that he planned to return there after his graduation.

He stated MC COY invited him to his home on Thanksgiving, but he did not remember anything that was said by MC COY or any of the other guests. He stated he spent most of his time playing with [redacted] having arrived at the MC COY residence about 10:00 a.m., and MC COY was there.

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Photo by Bill Douthitt

A merrymaker from Cooper's Caper Days two years ago. The yearly event in Ariel fêtes D.B. Cooper's 1971 disappearance

# Cooper's Caper Days

*Ariel set to cheer  
hijacker's leap*

By Richard Spiro  
*The Daily News*

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She stated that [redacted] one day before Thanksgiving, and [redacted] for about [redacted] RICHARD MC COY went to Salt Lake City. She stated she did not know if that is where they went but this is what they told her.

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She further advised that she was never around them when they conversed with one another.

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# Hijack high jinks to mark Dan Cooper's 1971 leap

By LEVERETT RICHARDS

of The Oregonian staff

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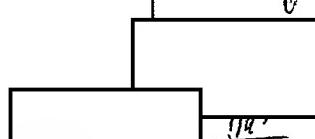
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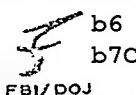
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[redacted] Provo, Utah,  
furnished the following information:

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She advised she is [redacted] and remembers that [redacted] for the RICHARD MC COY family on Thanksgiving Day of 1971. She stated that she was [redacted] on this date and that [redacted] was picked up by one of the MC COY family at approximately 4:00 PM that day.

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[redacted] stated that the MC COYS called her prior to their picking up [redacted] and stated they needed [redacted] because they were flying to Las Vegas, Nevada with some friends that evening. She stated she did not know the name of the friends and does not know the time they left for Las Vegas, nor does she remember the time they returned; however, it was late in the night when [redacted] returned home and she would estimate [redacted]

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# If hijacker had invested Art could've made Cooper rich

By LES BLUMENTHAL

SEATTLE — If Dan Cooper had invested the \$200,000 he skyjacked eight years ago in Oriental rugs, apartment houses or Charles Russell paintings, he'd be a millionaire today.

Maybe he is.

Authorities don't know if Cooper, history's first known skyjacker-for-money, is dead or alive. But they have found no trace of him since he dove out the back end of a Northwest Airlines 727 jetliner with a parachute and disappeared into the night over Southwestern Washington on Nov. 24, 1971.

If he lived and was shrewd he could have parlayed the 21 pounds of \$20 bills into a fortune. The money was in a bag strapped to his chest.

Maybe the man who bought his ticket as "Dan Cooper" but was transformed in history as "D.B. Cooper" put the money in stocks, bonds or foreign exchanges. Maybe he's sitting in an Acapulco condominium laughing.

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"That's where I would have put it," said John Teutsch Jr. of Rainier Mortgage Co.

Teutsch said Cooper could have used the money for a down payment on a \$1 million apartment building that would be worth \$2 million today, even more if the units had been converted to condominiums.

"Eight years ago Seattle was just coming out of the Boeing crash. You could buy \$20,000 to \$25,000 houses all over the place. Those houses would be worth up to

\$70,000 apiece now," said Teutsch.

Steven Haley of Friedlander & Sons, a Seattle jewelry store, says Cooper could have invested in a "traditional form of concentrating wealth" by buying diamonds.

Diamonds are worth up to three times as much now as they were in 1971.

"Nowadays, a five-carat stone costs about \$50,000. Back then it cost about \$15,000," said Haley.

John Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the Seattle FBI office,

said Friday, "We don't have any more idea where he is now than when he pulled the job."

Pringle says it's possible Cooper could have spent the money without anyone knowing, even though authorities had the serial numbers of the bills.

While American citizens couldn't own gold in 1971, Cooper could have bought the precious metal on the Swiss exchange for between \$125 and \$150 an ounce back then, said Haley. Gold now sells for over \$390 an ounce.

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Teutsch said Cooper could have used the money for a down payment on a \$1 million apartment building that would be worth \$2 million today, even more if the units had been converted to condominiums.

"Eight years ago Seattle was just coming out of the Boeing crash. You could buy \$20,000 to \$25,000 houses all over the place. Those houses would be worth up to

\$70,000 apiece now," said Teutsch.

Steven Haley of Friedlander & Sons, a Seattle jewelry store, says Cooper could have invested in a "traditional form of concentrating wealth" by buying diamonds..

Diamonds are worth up to three times as much now as they were in 1971.

"Nowadays, a five-carat stone costs about \$50,000. Back then it cost about \$15,000," said Haley.

John Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the Seattle FBI office,

said Friday, "We don't have any more idea where he is now than when he pulled the job."

Pringle says it's possible Cooper could have spent the money without anyone knowing, even though authorities had the serial numbers of the bills.

While American citizens couldn't own gold in 1971, Cooper could have bought the precious metal on the Swiss exchange for between \$125 and \$150 an ounce back then, said Haley. Gold now sells for over \$390 an ounce.

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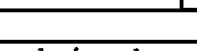
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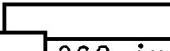
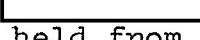
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 Brigham Young University (BYU), Provo, Utah,  
advised as follows:

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 stated he taught RICHARD F. MC COY   
 302 in the Fall semester of 1971. This class was held from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M., on Tuesday and Thursday. MC COY had no absences during September or October, 1971. He was absent November 2, 1971, but was excused for the absence; the reason not being shown. He was absent on November 4, 1971, without excuse. He was present on November 9, 1971. On November 11, 1971, no roll was taken, so it is not known whether or not he was present. On November 16, 1971, November 18, 1971, and November 23, 1971, he was present. No school was held on November 25, 1971, as it was Thanksgiving. On December 2, 1971, he was absent. No roll was taken on December 16, 1971, as it was the week during the Christmas vacation. He was absent January 6, 1972, without excuse. The semester ended the last week in January, 1972.

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b7cInterviewed on 4/12/72 at Provo, UtahFile # Salt Lake City 164-24-162

DB Cooper-17243

SA  / ksa Date dictated 4/13/72

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Date 11/19/79

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 FROM: ~~SAC~~, ATLANTA (164-642) (P) (SQUAD 2)  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

4/14/72

Date of transcription \_\_\_\_\_

[redacted] Utah County Welfare Department, 260 West 300 North, Provo, Utah, advised as follows:

[redacted] was employed by that department as [redacted] from [redacted]. She failed to report for work on [redacted]. She did not have any days off during the above period of employment. Her salary was \$560.00 per month.

She applied for the above position on Friday, [redacted] and was interviewed at 8:30 A.M., on that date by [redacted]. During the interview, she told [redacted] that [redacted] she planned to leave Provo, Utah, [redacted] to go to North Carolina to visit with [redacted] family. She said [redacted] was to follow her to North Carolina on [redacted]

Sometime after [redacted] was hired, she told [redacted] that the above mentioned plans to go to North Carolina had not worked out because of an illness in the family. [redacted] seems to recall hearing that [redacted] had gone to North Carolina on a later date.

[redacted] recalls seeing [redacted] at about 9:00 A.M., [redacted] at the above-mentioned welfare office in Provo. [redacted] spent most of her time during her employment mentioned-above, at American Fork, Utah, at the Utah State Training School; although she was employee of the County Welfare Department. [redacted] recalls that [redacted] believed to be [redacted] which had given her considerable trouble. [redacted] indicated that she would apparently have to have [redacted]. The weakness in [redacted] was known to [redacted] for several weeks; the exact number not being recalled. On one occasion, [redacted] complained to [redacted] as she had done considerable typing on one particular day.

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by SA [redacted] / ksa Date dictated 4/14/72

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[redacted] according to the Welfare Department  
records, was born [redacted]  
was reared in Ohio; and graduated from Brigham Young University,  
Provo, Utah, in [redacted]. She appeared to be an intelligent,  
capable employee, and scored 94 percent on her written test  
when applying for the job. 94 percent is a very high score on  
that test.

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11-21-79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK  
CAA (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

For information of Seattle, on 11/21/79, [redacted] b6  
[redacted] Mather Air Force Base, b7C  
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[redacted] advised that after viewing the recent artist's conception of individual utilizing the name D. B. COOPER, (responsible for captioned matter) [redacted] stated he believes same to be a very good look a like for one [redacted] that he served with in D Company, 6th Engineer Combat Battalion at Fort Ord, California, approximately June through October, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he recalled that [redacted] b6  
was from Washington state, however he has not seen [redacted] b7C  
since 1954.

[redacted] produced a "yearbook" type publication that was printed during his training at Fort Ord, California, which has [redacted] photograph.

It does appear to interviewing agent that there are definite similarities in the photo of [redacted] and the artist's conception of D. B. COOPER.

The above information being furnished Seattle for informational purposes and further investigative leads being left to discretion of Seattle.

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Date 11-21-79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (164-50) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
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OO: SEATTLEb6  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

4/14/72

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[redacted] Chuck Peterson Motors,

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400 South University Avenue, Provo, Utah, advised that on April 5, 1972, RICHARD MC COY had his 1969 green Volkswagen, vehicle identification number [redacted] repaired at the above company. She noted the mileage of the car at the time of this repair to be 61,635. The work order was prepared at 8:10 A.M., on that date, and it was noted that an oil filter pipe needed tightening and that the mechanic should check on an oil leak. The repair order reflected that an oil cap gasket was replaced, that a lever on the idle cam was replaced, and that both brake light switches were replaced, as well as a tune-up. The charge included \$16.10 for labor; \$1.90 for oil and grease; \$12.36 for parts; \$1.37 for tacks, making a total of \$31.73.

The bill was paid by a Master Charge card of MC COY, number 53295 01 46 2886 3 03173, which amount was charged to the Chevron Oil Company inasmuch as Chuck Peterson Motor runs all their charges through Chevron Oil Company. Repairs have also been made by Chuck Peterson Motor on the above-mentioned car on previous occasions.

On November 25, 1970, a muffler was replaced on the car. The mileage at this time was 42,103.

Repairs made on June 23, 1971, for minor repairs were made, and a window crank installed. The mileage at this time was 51,004.

On September 10, 1971, the front wheels were balanced. On this occasion the mileage was noted to be 53,740.

On October 29, 1971, the car heater was repaired, and two hooks for holding seat belts when not in use were replaced. The mileage was noted to be 55,320 on this occasion.

On November 30, 1971, the motor was tuned up, carburetor was repaired, oil leaks and right window defroster were repaired, and the front end was aligned. The mileage was noted to be 57,042.

Interviewed on 4/13/72 at Provo, Utah File # Salt Lake City 1C-1  
164-24; 164-36

by SA [redacted] / ksa Date dictated 4/13/72 DB Cooper-17250  
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On March 13, 1972, the clutch on the car was repaired, the brakes adjusted, the headlights were adjusted, and the windshield wiper blades were replaced. The mileage was noted to be 60,668.

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Date 11/20/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE  
 FROM: ~~SAC, ATLANTA (164-0-172) (SQ 2)~~ *11/20/79*  
 D.B. COOPER *SAC-1*  
 CAA [Redacted]  
 OO: SEATTLE

*SUBJ*

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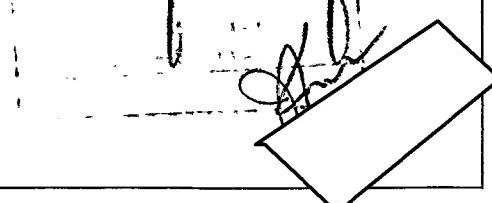
Referenced airtel requested description of subject,  
 his photo and summary of violation.

To date Atlanta Office has no record of having  
 received answer to referenced airtel.

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11/20/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (164-0-172) (SQ 2)  
D.B. COOPER  
CAA  
OO: SEATTLE

Re Atlanta airtel, 7/23/79.

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his photo and summary of violation.

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Furnish Atlanta information requested.

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1 - Atlanta  
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DB Cooper-17253

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 1/5/73b6  
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Company, 620 East 5th South, located their employee information card concerning [redacted] which was given their payroll number [redacted] stated that [redacted] worked for the Fife Company :: (which is not doing business any more) on the [redacted] which consisted of the [redacted]

[redacted] Social Security Number is [redacted]. His residence was shown as Manti, Utah, and date and place of birth as [redacted]  
 Employee card indicated he [redacted] and that he was employed as [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] worked in 1968 for them, but did not work for long; and in 1969 he began work on or about April 14, 1969. The last check he received was for the week ending November 29, 1972, and his total earnings were a little over \$5,000.00 for 1969. He also received one check for the week ending March 28, 1970, in the amount of \$271.32.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] Brigham City, Utah, telephone [redacted], was the [redacted] and that he would have been the one who hired [redacted] It was [redacted] responsibility to [redacted]

[redacted] provided an employee's [redacted] signed [redacted] and the Fife Construction Company, Incorporated, employee card pertaining to [redacted] He noted that [redacted] would have filled out all of the information down to and including the line requesting to know whether he is married or single. [redacted] asked that these items be returned to him and asked for a receipt which was provided to him.

Interviewed on 1/3/73 at Brigham City, Utah File # SU-164-24789

by SA [redacted] :dls Date dictated 1/4/73

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC SEATTLE

DATE: 11/23/73

FROM : SA [redacted]



SUBJECT: D.B. COOPER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 11/20/73 [redacted] Spokane, Wa  
came to the Spokane RA and advised as follows:

[redacted] said that a little over a year ago she resided at [redacted] Spokane, Wa. One night [redacted] and [redacted] were at the Mouse. During the evening, after they had been drinking wine, [redacted] who is from Idaho, made the statement that D.B. COOPER [redacted] and is presently in Idaho hiding. She said that COOPER has not spent any of the money he received.

[redacted] advised that she does not know the friend's name and does not know if the statement is truthful. She stated that she did not come in earlier due to the fact that she has had a brain concussion and is just starting to remember things that happen a year ago.

[redacted] advised [redacted] can be contacted at [redacted], Investors Escrow Co Inc. [redacted] can furnish the name of her friend in Idaho, that claims D.B. COOPER [redacted]

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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DB Cooper-17255

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC SEATTLE

DATE: 11/20/70

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: D.B. COOPER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 11/20/70 [redacted] Spokane, Wa  
came to the Spokane DA and advised as follows:

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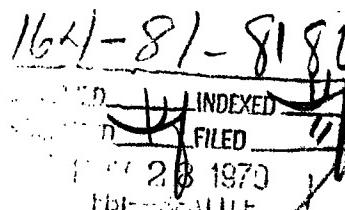
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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DB Cooper-17256

SU 164-24

He plans to return to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, in about two weeks.

The following descriptive and background data were obtained through observation and interview:

Name

[REDACTED]

Race

White

Sex

Male

Home Address

[REDACTED]  
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Age

[REDACTED]  
5' 9"

Date of Birth

165

Place of Birth

Brown, balding

Height

Hazel

Weight

Medium, ruddy

Hair

[REDACTED]

Eyes

[REDACTED]

Complexion

[REDACTED]

Characteristics

Father

[REDACTED]

Mother

[REDACTED]  
(Deceased)

Children

[REDACTED]  
Toronto, Canada

Sister

None

Brothers

[REDACTED]  
None

Arrest Record

[REDACTED]

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## INVESTIGATION

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4/5/73

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[redacted] was advised of the identity b6  
of the interviewing Agents as Special Agents of the Federal b7C  
Bureau of Investigation. He was advised by SA [redacted] of his rights and that it was desired he be interviewed regarding the hijacking of an aircraft. He signed the waiver of rights form and furnished the following information:

He was employed as a [redacted] b6  
[redacted] b7C

Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Since [redacted] he has been unemployed.

[redacted] advised between 1964 and May 1972 he was living at [redacted] b6  
[redacted] at that address. b7C

His working hours at the [redacted] b6  
were about 8:00 AM to 4:30 or 5:00 PM. His best recollection b7C  
is that he did not have any days off during the month of November 1971. He did not leave the country of Canada during 1971. During 1970 he did take a vacation to Yellowstone Park in the United States.

He stated he has no knowledge of any plane being hijacked in November 1971 and he was not involved in any such hijacking at that time or at any time. He resided in [redacted] and has resided in Canada from [redacted] b6  
until the present time. He served in the German Air Force b7C  
from October to December 1941 as [redacted] in the Signal Corps but was never in a German military plane and he never parachuted from any military or civilian plane. He has never received any training in flying as a pilot or navigator or in any capacity.

[redacted] stated he was [redacted]

Interviewed on 3/29/73 at Provo, Utah File # SU 164-24  
by SA [redacted] and LJS:cj Date dictated 4/2/73

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*JW*

November 29, 1979

[redacted]  
Ass't Special Agent  
Seattle, Office, FBI  
Seattle, Washington 98101

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Dear Sir:

I have written a book length novel based upon the D.B. Cooper episode of 1971, which will be released in early 1980.

It would be appropriate to have an authentic reproduction of the composit drawing of the suspect, as has been publically released by the FBI.

I am therefore, writing to inquire if I could prevail upon you to send one to me that I could use, crediting its source as the FBI.

Very Sincerely,

[redacted]  
Red Bluff, Calif [redacted]

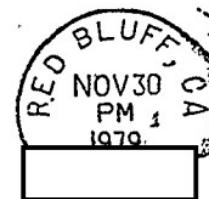
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[Red Bluff, Calif] [Redacted]



[Redacted]  
Ass't Special Agent  
Seattle Office, FBI  
Seattle, Washington 98101

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DB Cooper-17260

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81, Sub D)(P) DATE: 11/29/79

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: SEATTLE

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On November 12, 1979, Deputy [redacted], Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office, Kelso, Washington, advised by telephone that some loggers found an orange and white parachute under approximately two inches of decomposed leaves. He stated this parachute was found in the vicinity of Camp Kalama in the woods. He said, in addition, an empty plastic bottle of Visine was found nearby. The Deputy indicated that [redacted] of the Sheriff's Office was in possession of the parachute and would have additional information.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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San Diego, Calif. [REDACTED]

Northwest Airlines, Inc.  
Minneapolis -St. Paul Airport  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55111

Dear Sir;

In regard to the highjacking of your aircraft some years when the person jumped from the plane with the \$200,000.

I have plotted upon the map of Washington State the location of the currency cache, it is contained in a wooden box holding aluminum container and sealed with paraffin.

The location of the cache is within the bounds of the TOUTLE 15 minute series quadrangle.

To obtain better visual perception of the terrain, I suggest your Company apply for aerial photo enlargement to - Aerial Photography Field Office, ASCS-USDA, 2222 West 2300 South, P.O. Box 30010, Salt Lake City Utah 84125, specify STATE of WASHINGTON, COWLITZ COUNTY, TOUTLE quadrangle, 15 minute series (topographic), Range 1 E, Township 9 N, Section 15, request 24"x24" photo enlargement at scale of 660'-1" - their price is \$7.00.

Forward the aerial photo enlargement and I shall designate thereon the location of the currency cache.

Sincerely yours

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[redacted] [redacted] Oct. 27, 1979

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San Diego, Calif. [redacted]

Northwest Airlines, Inc.  
Minneapolis -St. Paul Airport  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55111

Dear Sir;

In regard to the highjacking of your aircraft some years when the person jumped from the plane with the \$200,000.

I have plotted upon the map of Washington State the location of the currency cache, it is contained in a wooden box holding aluminum container and sealed with paraffin.

The location of the cache is within the bounds of the TOUTLE 15 minute series quadrangle.

To obtain better visual perception of the terrain, I suggest your Company apply for aerial photo enlargement to - Aerial Photography Field Office, ASCS-USDA, 2222 West 2300 South, P.O. Box 30010, Salt Lake City Utah 84125, specify STATE of WASHINGTON, COWLITZ COUNTY, TOUTLE quadrangle, 15 minute series (topographic), Range 1 E, Township 9 N, Section 15, request 24"x24" photo enlargement at scale of 660'-1" - their price is \$7.00.

Forward the aerial photo enlargement and I shall designate thereon the location of the currency cache.

Sincerely yours

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164-81-8183 DB Cooper-17264

From the desk of [redacted]

[redacted]  
October 30, 1979

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
US Department of Justice  
US Court House  
110 South 4th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415

For your information.



Northwest Airlines, Inc.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# memorandum

DATE: 11/28/79

REPLY TO: *Tmck*  
ATTN OF: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *Jff*  
NORJAK  
(OO: SEATTLE)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Enclosed for Seattle is a copy of a letter  
from [redacted] which was forwarded to the  
Minneapolis Office by [redacted]  
[redacted] Northwest Airlines, Inc.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, on 10/30/79.

Inasmuch as no other leads are outstanding  
in Minneapolis, this matter is considered RUC.

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DB Cooper-17267

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (RUC)

NORJAK  
(OO: SEATTLE)

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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from [redacted] which was forwarded to the  
Minneapolis Office by [redacted]  
[redacted] Northwest Airlines, Inc.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, on 10/30/79.

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in Minneapolis, this matter is considered RUC.

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164-81-8187

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[Signature]	

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Dear [redacted]

I was convinced this is the DB Cooper

Hes [redacted]

Vancouver

last living man. His wife left him  
around 1972 is what he only mentioned  
he bragged about  
having a [redacted] in Idaho and  
several years back there was a  
kidnapping done there also, with all  
his big guns or Puppets they are  
really ripping this country off  
and must be stopped. I fit of Portland  
too. I have called the FBI here in  
one of the west Post offices but all  
he wanted to know was who I was  
and I have a family to protect so  
since I can't prove this as I called him  
DB Cooper to his face and saw him back  
into his car like he was fainting  
it made me a believer he is the one but  
the Police would do nothing to make  
them stop tearing 3 of my houses  
down on this estate and I won't  
get a lawyer since my property  
Papers are white and legal and his is yellow  
and black. If you see [redacted]  
he must have been  
moving that Money into the [redacted]  
to keep it hid. Don't they have a Port  
west bank on 4th Avenue and 112 ave just  
road at the North end of street is Covington  
Junior High School. I can't sign for  
our own protection.

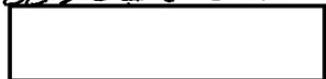
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DB Cooper-17270

Vancouver Wash.



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Assistant FBI  
Seattle Wash.

4105 Corliss North

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PO BOX 30061

SEATTLE WA 98103

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DB Cooper-17271

December 6, 1979

[redacted]

[redacted]

Georgia [redacted]

Tele: [redacted]

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[redacted] Ass't. to  
Agent in Charge  
F.B.I.  
Seattle, Washington

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Dear Sir:

I would like for you to furnish me with what information is available on the person D. B. Cooper, known as the missing sky-jacker. As to possibly his age, height and weight. Did he wear any western clothes at the time? Do you know if he had any indian connections at the time? And is there a reward offered for his apprehension?

I am aware of a prime suspect, who spent a large sum of money after this sky-jacking took place and no one knows where the money came from.

I would appreciate this information as soon as possible, or you may have an agent contact me at my home.

Respectfully

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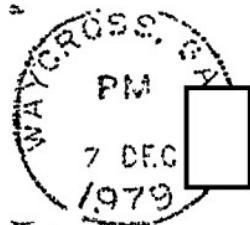
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[Redacted]  
[Redacted] Georgia [Redacted]



Gerard David/National Gallery  
Christmas USA 15c

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[Redacted] Ass't.

[Redacted]  
to Agent in Charge  
F.B.I.  
Seattle, Wash.



DB Cooper-17273

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# memorandum

DATE: 12/4/79

REPLY TO:  
ATTN OF: SAC, DALLAS (164-0)

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SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: SEATTLE  
TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

On November 30, 1979, [ ]  
[ ] Presbyterian Hospital, 8200 Walnut Hill Lane,  
Dallas, Texas, telephone [ ] telephonically advised  
as follows:

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During [ ] he was in the U. S. Army as an [ ]  
[ ] in Vietnam. In that capacity he conducted a "highly  
sensitive" investigation concerning an [ ] named  
[ ]. During the interview, which was taped and  
subsequently transcribed, [ ] mentioned an indi-  
vidual named [ ] in connection with either Portland or  
Seattle. He [ ] stated the statement concerning [ ]  
had something to do with money being put in a bank account.

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[ ] reiterated the investigation was highly  
confidential and he could furnish no further information. He  
had recently read an article concerning the D. B. COOPER  
matter and feels the Bureau may desire to attempt to locate  
military records regarding [ ] and attempt to  
review transcript for lead purposes.

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1 - Dallas  
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12/4/79

SAC, DALLAS (164-0)

NORJAK  
OO: SEATTLE

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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[redacted] Presbyterian Hospital, 8200 Walnut Hill Lane,  
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DB Cooper-17276

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 12/4/79

[redacted] who requested strict confidentiality, [redacted] Arizona, telephone number [redacted] came to the Major Fraud Unit, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Building, Phoenix, Arizona, and made available the following-described letters:

Letter Number 1: Dated [redacted] (no year) to:  
[redacted]

This letter is handwritten, two pages of white lined paper, written on both sides.

Letter Number 2: Dated [redacted] (no year) to:  
[redacted]

This letter is handwritten, two pages of white lined paper, written on both sides.

One envelope addressed to [redacted]

[redacted] with a return  
[redacted]

The letter is postmarked [redacted]  
P.M. 15 May, 1978.

[redacted] advised that she would telephonically contact SA JOSEPH C. KELLY to further explain and discuss the letters which she has made available.

Interviewed on 11/28/79 at Phoenix, Arizona File # Phoenix-164-571-  
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by SA [redacted] Subj bgb Date dictated 12/4/79

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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- Immediate  
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Date 12/14/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (164-571) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
AIRCRAFT HIJACKING (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

Re PX telephone call from SA JOSEPH C. KELLY to Seattle, Supervisor [redacted] on 11/21/79, and Phoenix telephone call to Portland, SA [redacted] on 12/5/79.

Enclosed for Seattle are the following documents:

1. Two original letters addressed to [redacted]  
dated [redacted] both signed [redacted]

2. One original envelope addressed to [redacted]

[redacted]  
and postmarked 5/15/79.

3. Original and one copy of an FD-302 and interview notes concerning the receipt of the letters and envelope from [redacted]

4. Two copies of an insert re investigation conducted at Phoenix, Arizona.

5. Xerox copy of [redacted]

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 2 - Portland (Enc. 8)  
 2 - Phoenix  
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Approved: *[Signature]*Transmitted \_\_\_\_\_  
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PX 164-571  
JCK:bgb

Enclosed for Portland is one copy each of the above letters, envelope, news item and two copies of the FD-302 and two copies of the insert.

[REDACTED] current residence [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Arizona, telephone number [REDACTED]  
has been extremely difficult to interview on a personal basis.  
As mentioned in the enclosed insert, she is extremely fearful  
[REDACTED]

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During the dictation of this communication, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] telephonically advised the true name of [REDACTED]  
is as follows:

[REDACTED] 1979, address [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and was [REDACTED] and would  
be living in [REDACTED]

In the event leads are set forth to interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] regarding his possible knowledge of the NORJAK case,  
it is imperative that [REDACTED] identity as the  
original source of this information not be disclosed in any  
manner. It is to be noted that [REDACTED]  
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No further investigation in this matter is deemed  
necessary at Phoenix, Arizona, at this time, and case should  
be placed in RUC status.

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12/14/79

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (164-571) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK  
AIRCRAFT HIJACKING (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

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DB Cooper-17284

rr-12-12/17/79 January 12, 1979

[redacted] Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, Washington, 98104

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SLB E, a

Please open the enclosed map of the state of Washington and start at The Seal of the State of Washington.

Follow this pencil line to the place where it crosses another pencil line (in the lower part of the circle I have drawn).

I believe this to be the approximate location of the remains of Cooper, the man who jumped from the plane with \$200.000.00 in his possession.

The money is also in this area.

I also beleive I can be of help in actually finding both the remains of Cooper, and the money, if I am on the site with you.

Please beleive I am not looking for personal glory for myself. What I am interested in is being of help ,and the satisfaction of knowing I helped in a good cause.

Should you decide my help would be worthwhile, as far as I am concerned, no one else beside you and I need know about the matter. You can be the judge of the matter.

I am [redacted] and I will say that if some one, [redacted] had offered to help me in a matter such as this, I would probably have laughed in his face. (Before I knew of [redacted] that is.)

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However, I have learned that [redacted] have been successfully finding all sorts of things for the last five hundred years, including people.



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[Redacted]  
Vancouver, Wa. [Redacted]



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[Redacted]  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
915 2nd Avenue  
Seattle, Washington, 98104

DB Cooper-17287

January 12, 1979

[redacted] Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, Washington, 98104

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Please open the enclosed map of the state of Washington and start at The Seal of the State of Washington.

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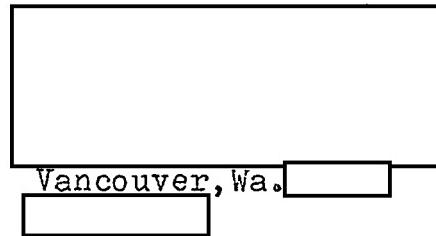
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DB Cooper-17288

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

A-1 HERALD EXAMINER  
LOS ANGELES, CA  
Date: 12/16/79  
Edition: Sunday Latest

(Please Clipping in Space Below)

Title: NEWS FOCUS

Character:  
or CAAClassifi [redacted]  
Submitting Office: Los Angelesb6  
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The year is 1978. It's a cold, dark, snowy night. A man in a dark suit, wearing a mask, is at Pan American Airways in Seattle, and evidence that D.B. Cooper was an ex-con named Byron "Jack" Coffelt has been confirmed. A second man survived the jump and escaped. The FBI and various media outlets have spent considerable time investigating the Coffelt-Copper connection, yet his story is still unknown.

A middle-aged man, dressed in a black suit, white shirt and thin black tie and wearing a mask, walked up to the Pan American Airlines counter. He was about 6 feet tall and had a slender build and carried a briefcase, gave his name as Dan Cooper and paid cash for a one-way ticket on Pan Am 845 to Seattle. The ticket agent punched the wrong key and the name came out "D.B. Cooper".

A few minutes after takeoff, the disgruntled passenger handed a stewardess a note threatening to blow up the plane with a hidden bomb if he didn't receive \$200,000 cash and five parachutes. The plane went to Seattle, where an FBI agent brought the ransom to the cabin door and handed it to a stewardess. Then, as the plane continued on toward Reno, Nev., with its rear door open, as the hijacker had instructed, D.B. Cooper jumped into the night — and became a legend in American crime.

The massive manhunt that began the next day in the mountainous terrain that Cooper jumped into was only the beginning. In the eight years since the famous incident, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has expended thousands of man-hours tracking down leads on some 800 suspects. Yet, the official line is still that an unknown man hijacked Pan Am 845 that night and probably died in the parachute jump — that his body, the chute and the money were never found. And he still, unapologetically, remains a legend.

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"It is a mystery story — though an investigation has turned up some evidence suggesting that Coffelt was Cooper, including two passengers on the hijacked airplane who saw photos of Coffelt and identified him as the hijacker.

The story also has intriguing characters — including alleged burgling, FBI agents, a rich right-wing recluse who is the last living relative of Abraham Lincoln and the convicted assassin of Martin Luther King Jr., James Earl Ray.

Much of Jack Coffelt's life is shrouded in mystery, and that's undoubtedly the way he wanted it. This picture of his life was pieced together from interviews with various knowledgeable sources, including journalists and lawmen.

Coffelt, who was born in 1916, spent the first 30 years of his life in and out of jails throughout the Midwest for a variety of minor crimes. In 1949, he hit the big time: He received a 10-year sentence for interstate transportation of a stolen automobile, and served time in Atlanta and Leavenworth federal prisons. Over the years, his cell mates reportedly included Col. Jack Durant, who was convicted of stealing the Hesse crown jewels during World War II; James Earl Ray, who is presently serving a life sentence for killing Martin Luther King Jr.; and James Brown, an Army officer convicted of serving time on an assault charge.

Sometime during those prison years, Coffelt and the FBI apparently made contact. A source, who requested anonymity, says there is a letter signed by J. Edgar Hoover asking the prison warden for information about Coffelt, as well as evidence that the agent in charge of the local FBI office in Atlanta was Coffelt's sole visitor for five years.

Some persons who have studied Coffelt's past suspect that he became an FBI informant in prison, perhaps secretly turning over information damaging to his cell mates. Certain sources add that Coffelt himself described his days in the pen as a "revolving door," claiming that he would be let out for a few days or weeks at a time to carry out "a job" for the government.

The FBI refused to comment on any of this or on any other aspect of Coffelt's life.

In 1955, after serving only six years of his 10-year sentence, Coffelt was paroled from Leavenworth.

In the mid-60s, he began a mysterious association with Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith, the last living relative of Abraham Lincoln.

Beckwith — Lincoln's great-grandson — is the son of rich industrialist Warren Beckwith, and he lives on a sprawling 560-acre estate in Virginia. The Beckwiths came from the Lincoln side of the family: Robert inherited it from his mother, who acquired the estate from her father, Lincoln's son-in-law,

Jack Beckwith had not been with his wealth, a six-figure annual income from a lifetime trust left by his father. He has reportedly financed several right-wing causes.

Coffelt became Beckwith's side-de-camp and got control of more than one Beckwith-financed bank account. But little else is known about this mysterious relationship, which Beckwith himself declines to clarify.

Other bits and pieces have emerged about this period of Coffelt's life:

In 1974, Coffelt boasted to an old friend, former Atlanta cell mate James Brown, that he had "helped kill a nigger" in Memphis, Tenn. Then, elaborating slightly, he said that he had been in "one of the white cars" that caused confusion around Memphis immediately after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in 1968.

In 1973, James Earl Ray was shown a picture of Coffelt by someone investigating the Coffelt-Cooper connection, and reportedly identified his old prison mate — but only after being shown Coffelt's death certificate. Ray gave no further information, according to a source close to the investigation.

Coffelt allegedly carried a number of official credentials: FBI, Department of Agriculture, passes for the White House and Pentagon. A college professor reported that he was riding in an automobile with Coffelt in Washington, D.C., when Coffelt picked up Gen. Creighton Abrams, U.S. Army chief of staff (now deceased) and took him to the Pentagon. This professor also claimed that he saw Coffelt flash FBI credentials.

Sometime around 1970, Beckwith fired Coffelt. It was a bitter parting. In 1973, Beckwith settled a suit filed by Coffelt reportedly by giving his former aide a sum equal to \$750 per month, retroactive to 1968. (The settlement papers are sealed by court order.)

Beckwith is still alive at about 89 years of age. But he lives in seclusion, and has declined repeatedly to be interviewed on his relationship with Coffelt.

After the break with Beckwith, Coffelt spent the next couple of years in Washington, D.C., and, for brief periods of time, in Lawrence, Kan. He held a string of odd jobs during this time and was described as being fat and drinking heavily during 1971.

Some who have investigated Coffelt theorize that his deteriorated financial situation after his break with Beckwith may have driven him to try the desperate hijacking of Flight 205.

Eleven days after the Cooper hijacking, Coffelt "had a strong piece of circumstantial evidence," began a job as a surgical technician at a local hospital, said Summers. "We had a lab report confirming that Virginia's hospital. His superior there, a woman, told (the) cordage ... was from a parachute and several years earlier that Coffelt had difficulty walking and, at age 60. No one has ever asked me, but I'll be happy to take point showed her his "body charred face" — a PD-detecto test about where we found it, and how injuries which some believe he sustained in the the we dug it up. We were very careful uncovering it. I most of 1972, then in June of 1973 he contacted his old cell mate, James Brown, for the first time in years.

A year later, in May 1974, Coffelt told Brown for the first time that he was D.B. Cooper and disclosed some details of the crime that, if true, presumably only the hijacker could have known. For example, according to Brown, Coffelt described changing into boots before jumping and boasted of flirting with one of the stewardesses. Coffelt also said that he dropped the \$200,000 ransom during the parachute jump and had never recovered it.

Coffelt told Brown that he wanted to go back into the Cascades and look for the small fortune, but he needed help. Brown agreed to accompany him, and in July of that year, the two men and Brown's muscular, 6-foot-plus, 17-year-old son, Byron, made a weeklong trek into the mountains.

According to Brown, Coffelt was then so ill that at one point he nearly collapsed on a steep grade. However, after a week in which they made themselves as inconspicuous as possible, they found no money and quit.

Still, to this day, James Brown remains unshaken in his conviction that his old cell mate was D.B. Cooper.

After the Cascades trip, Coffelt moved to Hawaii and died there in June 1975. Brown, who did not learn about Coffelt's death for more than a year, had written down everything Coffelt told him, and began writing a book manuscript. But he knew he needed help, preferably from a promoter or, better yet, Hollywood wheeling and dealing.

Brown found freelance producer Dick Summers, who was in Las Vegas while producing a Ken Norton heavyweight title fight for CTV Sports.

Summers said in an interview that he subsequently had Brown and his son take PD-detecto tests concerning the five weeks they spent with Coffelt. "They passed with flying colors," Summers said. "But all that meant was that Brown believed Coffelt's story. I kept thinking, if this story is true, it's the story of the century."

Summers began his own investigation, and he and Brown organized an expedition into the Cascades in 1977, back to where Coffelt had taken Brown three years earlier. This time, thanks to a metal detector and energetic digging, the search party unearthed a solid piece of physical evidence: a 1½-inch piece of cordage that proved to be synthetic nylon of the type used in parachute shrouding — and it was 5 to 7 years old.

"The area where we found this was very primitive, remote wilderness," Summers explained. "This was Big Foot country. We had to lower ourselves down a cliff to get to the site. There was a dead tree that Jack (told Brown) said he hit. And this enormous, two-story high rock with markings on it. 'Xs' and 'Os' that Coffelt said he had scratched into the rock the night he landed there. That was where we dug. You could even see the narrow trenches, where his feet had hit the ground."

Summers became a believer in the story, and he, too, is still convinced that Jack Coffelt was D.B. Cooper.

In addition, Summers believes that the FBI has gone to great lengths to cover up and otherwise derail the case.

Summers added he suspects that the FBI may have known all along that Coffelt was the hijacker, but didn't go after him because they knew he had stories to tell about his earlier cooperation with the agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 1/10/80

FROM SAC, BALTIMORE (164-223) (SQ 8) (RUC)

SUBJECT NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle



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b7C

Re BA airtel to Seattle, 11/9/79 and Portland airtel  
to Seattle, 10/29/79.

Inasmuch as no response has been received by Baltimore  
per above re communications, this above case is being considered  
RUC'd.

- (2) - Seattle  
1 - Atlanta (Info.)  
1 - Portland (164-41) (Info.)  
1 - Baltimore  
JPH:bjd  
(5)

164-81-8195

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper-17292

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

1/10/80

SAC, BALTIMORE (164-223) (SQ 8) (RUC)

NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle

Re BA airtel to Seattle, 11/9/79 and Portland airtel  
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DB Cooper-17293

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

A-1 HERALD EXAMINER  
LOS ANGELES, CADate: 12/16/79  
Edition: Sunday Latest

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Search for 1971 hijacker leads to mysterious ex-con

The year was 1971. It was a dark, stormy Thanksgiving pent. There is at least one Eve in Portland, Ore., and evidence that D.B. Cooper was an ex-con named Byron "Jack" Coffelt at the busy Portland International Airport, everyone seemed who survived the jump and escaped. The FBI and various media to want to be somewhere else this night, preferably with family and outlets have spent considerable loved ones preparing for the next time investigating the Coffelt-Cooper connection, yet his story never before been published.

A middle-age man, dressed in a black suit, white shirt and thin black tie and wearing a hat, walked up to the Northwest Airlines counter. The man, who was about 6 feet tall and of medium build and carried a briefcase, gave his name as Dan Cooper and paid cash for a one-way ticket on Flight 305 to Seattle. The ticket agent punched the wrong key and the name came out "D.B. Cooper".

A few minutes after takeoff, the misnamed passenger handed a stewardess a note threatening to blow up the plane with a hidden bomb if he didn't receive \$200,000 cash and four parachutes. The plane went to Seattle, where an FBI agent brought the ransom to the cabin door and handed it to a stewardess. Then, as the plane continued on toward Reno, Nev., with its rear door open, as the hijacker had instructed, D.B. Cooper jumped into the night — and became a legend in American crime.

The massive manhunt that began the next day in the mountainous terrain that Cooper jumped into was only the beginning. In the eight years since the famous incident, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has expended thousands of man-hours tracking down leads on some 900 suspects. Yet, the official line is still that an unknown man hijacked Flight 305 that night and probably died in the parachute jump — though his body, the chutes and the money were never found in the wild, uninhabited Cascade Mountains.

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Character:  
or CAA

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DB Cooper-17294

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

DATE: 1/21/80

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK(A)  
OO: SEATTLE

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*SUB J*

On January 15, 1980, [redacted] Ridgefield, Washington, telephone [redacted] Vancouver, Washington Resident Agency Office of the FBI. He provided the writer with a tape recording concerning his opinion of how D.B. COOPER disposed of the \$200,000 he received from the airlines. In brief, this method, according to [redacted] was that COOPER worked for a bank and would slowly exchange the money he received from the hijacking for unmarked money and thus the money received from the airlines would be destroyed by the bank in a slow and steady manner.

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Based on the fact that there appears no concrete evidence from [redacted] that the above is in fact what occurred, it is recommended that no investigation be conducted.

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The tape recording is contained in a 1-A envelope.

2 - Seattle

JTG/jg



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164-81-8196

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FBI - SEATTLE	
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll System

DB Cooper-17297

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)(P)

DATE: 1/21/80

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK(A)  
OO: SEATTLE

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b7C

Sub J

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JTG/jg



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND

DATE: 1/22/80

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

On 12/19/79, [REDACTED]  
Vancouver, Washington, telephone [REDACTED] provided the  
following information by telephone:

He recently watched a television special about D.B. Cooper and after watching this show, realized that one of the individuals he works with resembles the composite likeness of Cooper. The individual who resembles Cooper is [REDACTED] (LNU), who works at Nabisco in Portland, Oregon.

[REDACTED]  
is leaving his employment there on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] currently lives in Salem, Oregon, and owns [REDACTED]. In addition, he is a helicopter pilot and spent time in Vietnam. Further, [REDACTED] brags about the money he has and has made no statements as to where the money comes from.

He described [REDACTED] as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	35-36
Height:	6'-6'1"
Weight:	200-210 lbs.
Complexion:	Ruddy
Mouth:	Small
Build:	No excess body fat

While he is not certain that this individual is, in fact, Cooper, he feels that the resemblance to Cooper is remarkable, plus the fact that he, [REDACTED] has an unexplained large amount of money.

Due to the age discrepancy between [REDACTED] (LNU) and Cooper, it appears to the Seattle Division as if the two are not identical. This information, however, is being furnished to the Portland Division in the event they desire to conduct and investigation or in the event this matter may have been reported to them prior.



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings

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DB Cooper-17299

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND

DATE: 1/22/80

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

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On 12/19/79, [redacted]  
Vancouver, Washington, telephone [redacted] provided the  
following information by telephone:

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He recently watched a television special about  
D.B. Cooper and after watching this show, realized that one  
of the individuals he works with resembles the composite  
likeness of Cooper. The individual who resembles Cooper  
is [redacted] (LNU), who works at Nabisco in Portland, Oregon.

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[redacted] is leaving his employment there on [redacted]

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[redacted] currently lives in Salem, Oregon, and owns  
[redacted]. In addition, he is a helicopter pilot and spent  
time in Vietnam. Further, [redacted] brags about the money he has  
and has made no statements as to where the money comes from.

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He described [redacted] as follows:

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Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	35-36
Height:	6'-6'1"
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Mouth:	Small
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fact, Cooper, he feels that the resemblance to Cooper is  
remarkable, plus the fact that he, [redacted] has an unexplained  
large amount of money.

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Cooper, it appears to the Seattle Division as if the two are  
not identical. This information, however, is being furnished  
to the Portland Division in the event they desire to conduct  
an investigation or in the event this matter may have been  
reported to them prior.



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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings

164-81-8197  
JAN 22 1980

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DB Cooper-17300

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, PORTLAND

DATE: 1/22/80

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

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On 12/19/79, [redacted]  
Vancouver, Washington, telephone [redacted] provided the  
following information by telephone:

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He recently watched a television special about  
D.B. Cooper and after watching this show, realized that one  
of the individuals he works with resembles the composite  
likeness of Cooper. The individual who resembles Cooper  
is [redacted] (LNU), who works at Nabisco in Portland, Oregon.

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[redacted] is leaving his employment there on [redacted]

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[redacted] currently lives in Salem, Oregon, and owns  
[redacted] In addition, he is a helicopter pilot and spent  
time in Vietnam. Further, [redacted] brags about the money he has  
and has made no statements as to where the money comes from.

He described [redacted] as follows:

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Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Age:	35-36
Height:	6'-6'1"
Weight:	200-210 lbs.
Complexion:	Ruddy
Mouth:	Small
Build:	No excess body fat

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remarkable, plus the fact that he, [redacted] has an unexplained  
large amount of money.

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Cooper, it appears to the Seattle Division as if the two are  
not identical. This information, however, is being furnished  
to the Portland Division in the event they desire to conduct  
an investigation or in the event this matter may have been  
reported to them prior.

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DB Cooper-17301



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98174  
January 22, 1980

[Redacted]  
Vancouver, Washington [Redacted]

SUB E

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Dear [Redacted]

Reference is made to your letter concerning D. B. Cooper addressed to [Redacted] Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, Washington, and dated January 12, 1979.

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Your letter concerning the possible whereabouts of D. B. Cooper is appreciated. In the event you have any specific information concerning the actual whereabouts of Cooper and/or the money, you are requested to contact the Vancouver Resident Agency office of the FBI at telephone number 695-5661. The information you have provided in the above referenced letter, while interesting, does not indicate why you believe Cooper to be in the area you indicate he is in or why you believe the money to be there also. As you are well aware, the FBI cannot deal in supposition, but must have specific facts prior to conducting any investigation. As such, it is necessary that you be specific in your information.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Paul L. Mack  
Special Agent in Charge

by:

[Redacted]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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2 - Addressee  
1 - Seattle (164-81)  
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(3) [Redacted]

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DB Cooper-17302

164-81-8198



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

915 Second Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98174  
January 22, 1980

[REDACTED]  
Vancouver, Washington [REDACTED]

SUB E

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Paul L. Mack  
Special Agent in Charge

by:

[REDACTED]  
Supervisory Special Agent

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1 - Seattle (164-81)  
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DB Cooper-17303

164-81-5198

FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype  
 Facsimile  
 Airtel

- PRECEDENCE:  
 Immediate  
 Priority  
 Routine

- CLASSIFICATION:  
 TOP SECRET  
 SECRET  
 CONFIDENTIAL  
 E F T O  
 CLEAR

Date 1/22/80

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (164-254)  
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 UNSUB;  
 [REDACTED]

Source  
 CAA-HIJACK (A)  
 OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed for Atlanta is copy of letter received from [REDACTED] Georgia. Also, are four (4) artists composites, two black and white, and two color, depicting the NORJAK Unsub with and without glasses.

In the above-mentioned letter [REDACTED] asks several questions regarding this matter. The question and answers are set out below:

- Q. Did he wear western clothes at the time?  
 A. No. (See description of clothing).
- Q. The height, weight, and age of Unsub?  
 A. See physical description of subject.
- Q. Do you know if he had any Indian connections at the time?  
 A. None are known.

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 2 - Seattle  
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DB Cooper-17304

164-81-8199

SE 164-81

- Q. Is there a reward offered for his apprehension?  
A. Yes, a negotiable reward through the insurance company for Northwest Orient Airlines and various northwest newspapers may be available, only after such time as the FBI verifies the information and handles this matter through the federal court system.

A summary of the violation is as follows:

THE CRIME

On November 24, 1971, a lone white male boarded Northwest Orient Flight #305 at Portland, Oregon. At approximately 3:22 P.M., while the flight was en route to Seattle, Washington, he indicated to the stewardess that his brief case contained a bomb which would blow up the plane unless his demands were met.

The hijacker demanded \$200,000 and four parachutes in exchange for the safety of the 36 passengers aboard the plane. When the aircraft landed at Seattle, Northwest Orient Airlines complied with his instructions. After he received the parachutes and money, the hijacker allowed all passengers and the two airline stewardesses to deplane.

He then ordered the remaining crew members into the first-class section of the aircraft and informed them he desired to fly to Mexico City. The hijacker instructed that the plane proceed in a southerly direction and fly at a low altitude and slow speed which would enable the rear door of the plane to be opened during the flight.

The hijacker apparently bailed out somewhere between Seattle, Washington, and Reno, Nevada, where the plane landed to refuel. It was determined the hijacker, two parachutes, and the ransom money had disappeared when the plane was inspected at Reno, Nevada.

SE 164-81

Artist conception drawings of the aircraft hijacker were prepared by the FBI Exhibit Section and are considered a reasonable likeness. The black and white composite was prepared initially and sometime later the color composit was prepared to depict the hijacker's complexion and age more graphically.

The hijacker is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Mid 40s
Height:	5'10" to 6'
Weight:	170 to 180 lbs.
Complexion:	Olive, Latin appearance, medium smooth.
Hair:	Dark brown or black, parted on the left, combed back.
Eyes:	Possibly brown, during latter part of flight the hijacker put on dark wrap-around sunglasses with dark rims.
Voice:	Low, spoke intelligently, no particular accent.
Characteristics:	Smoked Raleigh filter type cigarettes.
Wearing Apparel:	Black or brown suit; narrow black tie (clip-on type); black dress suit; black rain-type overcoat or dark top coat; dark briefcase or attache case; carried a brown paper bag - 4x12x14 inches; brown shoes.
Remarks:	Very polite at all times.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

SE 164-81

LEAD:

ATLANTA DIVISION

At Jekyll Island, Georgia

Will contact [redacted] regarding the information of possible NORJAK Subject.

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TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype
- Facsimile
- Airtel

PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate
- Priority
- Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET
- SECRET
- CONFIDENTIAL
- E F T O
- CLEAR

Date 1/22/80

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (164-254)  
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)   
 SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 UNSUB;

Source  
 CAA-HIJACK (A)  
 OO: SEATTLE

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

Teletype  
 Facsimile  
 Airtel

PRECEDENCE:  
 Immediate  
 Priority  
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## CLASSIFICATION:

TOP SECRET  
 SECRET  
 CONFIDENTIAL  
 UNCLAS E F T O  
 UNCLAS

Date 1/22/80

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 CAA - HIJACK (A)  
 OO: SEATTLE  
 BUFILE 164-2111

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Re Portland airtel to Seattle, dated October 29, 1979.

Enclosed are four (4) artist's composites, two black and white, and two color, depicting the NORJAK UNSUB with and without glasses.

The Crime

On November 24, 1971, a lone white male boarded Northwest Orient Flight Number 305 at Portland, Oregon. At approximately 3:22 p.m., while the flight was en route to Seattle, Washington, he indicated to the stewardess that his briefcase contained a bomb which would blow up the plane unless his demands were met.

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He then ordered the remaining crew members into the first-class section of the aircraft and informed them he desired

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DB Cooper-17312

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SE 164-81

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Remarks:	Very polite at all times

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

DB Cooper-17313

SE 164-81

Seattle Division files reflect that a [redacted]  
has not been eliminated as possibly being identifical to subject.

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LEADS:

BALTIMORE DIVISION

At Newark, Delaware

Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine  
if [redacted] is identical with subject.

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DB Cooper-17314

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:  Teletype  Radiotelephone  
 Facsimile  Priority  
 Airtel  Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET  
 SECRET  
 CONFIDENTIAL  
 UNCLAS E F T O  
 UNCLAS

Date 1/22/80

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 CAA - HIJACK (A)  
 OO: SEATTLE  
 BUFILE 164-2111

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b7c

Re Portland airtel to Seattle, dated October 29, 1979.

Enclosed are four (4) artist's composites, two black and white, and two color, depicting the NORJAK UNSUB with and without glasses.

The Crime

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 2 - Seattle (164-81)  
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Per

DB Cooper-17315

FBI

TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype  
 Facsimile  
 Airtel

- PRECEDENCE:  
 Immediate  
 Priority  
 Routine

CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET  
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 CONFIDENTIAL  
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 UNCLAS

Date 1/22/80

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (164-0-172) (Squad 2)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

SUBJECT: D. B. COOPER  
CAA (A)  
OO: SEATTLE*SUB HH*  
*SUB J*

Re Atlanta airtel to Seattle dated 7/23/79 and  
Atlanta airtel to Seattle dated 11/20/79.

Enclosed are four artist's composites, two black  
and white and two color, depicting the NORJAC unknown subject,  
also known as D. B. Cooper, with and without glasses.

Crime

On 11/22/71, a lone white male boarded Northwest  
Orient Flight 305 at Portland, Oregon. At approximately  
3:22 p. m., while the flight was en route to Seattle,  
Washington, he indicated to the stewardess that his briefcase  
contained a bomb, which would blow up the plane unless his  
demands were met.

The hijacker demanded \$200,000 and four parachutes  
in exchange for the safety of the 36 passengers aboard the  
plane. When the aircraft landed in Seattle, Washington,  
Northwest Orient Airlines complied with his instructions.  
After he received his parachutes and money, the hijacker  
allowed all passengers and two airline stewardesses to  
deplane.

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He ordered the remaining crew members into the first class section of the aircraft and informed them he desired to fly to Mexico City. The hijacker instructed that the plane proceed in a southerly direction and fly at a low altitude at slow speed, which would enable the rear door of the plane to be opened during the flight.

The hijacker apparently bailed out somewhere between Seattle, Washington, and Reno, Nevada, where the plane landed to refuel. It was determined the hijacker, two parachutes and the ransom money had disappeared when the plane was inspected at Reno, Nevada.

Artist's conception drawings of the aircraft hijacker were prepared by the FBI Exhibit Section and are considered a reasonable likeness. The black and white composite was prepared initially and, sometime later, the color composite was prepared to depict the hijacker's complexion and age more graphically.

The hijacker is described as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Mid-40's
Height:	5'10" to 6'
Weight:	170-180 lbs.
Complexion:	Olive, Latin appearance, medium smooth.
Hair:	Dark brown or black, parted on the left, combed back.
Eyes:	Possibly brown; during latter part of flight, the hijacker put on dark, wrap-around sunglasses with dark rims.
Voice:	Low, spoke intelligently, no particular accent.

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Characteristics:

Smoked Raliegh filter-type cigarettes.

Wearing apparel:

Black or brown suit; narrow, black tie (clip-on type); black, rain-type overcoat or dark topcoat; dark briefcase or attache case; carried a paper bag, 4 by 12 by 14 inches; brown shoes.

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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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 Immediate  
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CLASSIFICATION:  
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Date 1/22/80

TO : SAC, ATLANTA (164-0-172) (Squad 2)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

SUBJECT: D. B. COOPER  
CAA (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

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Re Atlanta airtel to Seattle dated 7/23/79 and  
Atlanta airtel to Seattle dated 11/20/79.

Enclosed are four artist's composites, two black and white and two color, depicting the NORJAC unknown subject, also known as D. B. Cooper, with and without glasses.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 2/1/80

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK  
CAA (A)

OO: Seattle

Re: [redacted]

164-81 [redacted]

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Instant date, [redacted] of captioned suspect. [redacted] Kirkland, Washington, telephone number [redacted] telephonically contacted the Seattle Division and stated that several months ago captioned suspect related to her that he was D.B. COOPER, had committed the hijacking, and had gotten home in time for Thanksgiving, 1971. Both [redacted] had been drinking according to [redacted]. Furthermore, [redacted] was known to exaggerate at times. She further advised that he continues to be a [redacted] and always seems to have money. She further stated that [redacted] had said that the hijack money was buried in his barn. She stated that she decided to contact the FBI after [redacted] whom she now fears.

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[redacted] was reviewed and reflects that [redacted] was contacted by the FBI in July, 1972 and that his time was fully accounted for during the hijack by [redacted]

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No further action being taken.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 2/1/80

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK  
CAA (A)

OO: Seattle

Re: [redacted]

164-81 [redacted]

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## PRECEDENCE:

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 Priority  
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## CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 2/6/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
 FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (164-88)(RUC)  
 NORJAK  
 CAA-AIR PIRACY (A)  
 (OO: SEATTLE)

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Re Atlanta airtel to Savannah, 1/29/80..

On 2/4/80, [redacted]

[redacted] Ga., viewed both color and black and white photographs of artist's composites depicting NORJAK subject and stated these composites appear very similar to a man known to him as [redacted] Elijah, Mo., telephone number [redacted]. He described this individual as a white male, 5'9", approximately 48 years of age, slender build, tannish complexion, no noticeable accent, talks softly.

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[redacted] stated he could not furnish any information as to hair or eye color.

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[redacted] stated he, [redacted] moved to the general area of Elijah, Mo. in 1972 or 1973, where he met [redacted] who had been there for approximately one year. He stated

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[redacted] which ranch was located on approximately [redacted] acres of land. He stated [redacted] had built a house on this property which costs approximately \$100,000, and also had built an [redacted]  
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He stated he was told by persons unknown that [redacted] had been a paratrooper in the past. He stated [redacted] indicated that he, [redacted] had originally come from Texas, further location unknown.

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He stated [redacted] had been taken to court in approximately [redacted]  
[redacted]

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He further stated [redacted] appeared to have a great deal of money and no one in the community knew where he obtained this money.

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[redacted] stated he, [redacted] moved from Missouri in approximately 1978; however, he stated [redacted] is still residing there.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] requested to be notified if the above information leads to a court action so he may apply for any reward offered in this matter.

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Inasmuch as the value of the information above is unknown to the Savannah Division, leads are being left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

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TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (164-88)(RUC)

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(OO: SEATTLE)

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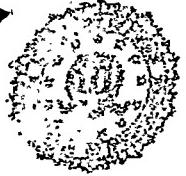
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Portland, Oregon

Februry 12, 1980

SUBS: G, [redacted] E, G, M

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Arthur G. Barger, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for Oregon, has announced a development in a crime which began on the night of November 24, 1971, at Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon, and has become widely known since that time as the D. B. Cooper Hijacking Case.

On the night before Thanksgiving, 1971, a man who gave the name Dan Cooper bought a one-way ticket on Northwest Airlines Flight 305 from Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington. Upon departing Portland International Airport, Cooper notified a stewardess that he was hijacking the aircraft and displayed to her what he said was a bomb in his briefcase. The flight proceeded to Seattle, where after maintaining a holding pattern for several hours, it was permitted to land and refuel. After \$200,000 and four parachutes demanded by the hijacker were brought on board, he released all of the passengers and all but four members of the crew. The flight then took off and proceeded south through Washington toward Reno, Nevada. The hijacker instructed that the flaps and gear remain lowered and the rear stair door open. As the aircraft passed over LaCenter, Washington, cabin

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pressure fluctuation was observed, which was later determined to indicate his departure from the aircraft through the rear stairwell door. Since that day to date no trace of the hijacker, the parachutes, or the money has been found until Sunday, February 10, 1980.

On that date while on an outing with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram of Vancouver, Washington, discovered a sum of money partially buried by sand in the north river bank of the Columbia River, approximately five miles down river from the U.S. Interstate 5 bridge crossing between Portland and Vancouver, Washington. The Ingolds contacted the FBI and an examination of the badly decomposed \$20 bills reveals that they bear serial numbers identical to a portion of those given to the hijacker. Because of the decomposed nature of the bills an exact estimate of the recovered money is not possible pending a laboratory examination, however, it appears to be several thousand dollars. The packaging and the numbered sequence indicate that the bills have not been separated and are in much the same order as when given to the hijacker. The bills will be sent immediately to the FBI Laboratory for additional examination.

It appears logical that the package of bills could have been carried downstream on one of the Washington tributaries of the Columbia River to the site where they were found.

Special Agents of the FBI from Oregon and Washington have secured the area and commenced an intensive search.

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For the information of the media, those present at a news conference conducted at the office of the FBI, Portland, at 3:00 p.m. on February 12, 1960, were William M. Baker, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the FBI for Oregon, Ralph P. Himmelsbach, Special Agent of the FBI, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P) DATE: 2/11/80

FROM : SA [redacted]

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SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

On December 31, 1979, [redacted]  
[redacted] Vancouver, Washington, telephone [redacted]  
provided the following information by telephone:

An individual known to him by the name of [redacted]  
[redacted] is a possible suspect in the D. B. COOPER matter.  
He feels this way because [redacted] was a Navy Paratrooper and  
[redacted] Boeing Airfield in Seattle.

Recently, [redacted]  
Oregon, and [redacted]  
The purchase of this property took place in April or May, 1979. In addition, [redacted] who now lives in Kent, Washington, does "strange things"; such as, not wanting anyone "snooping around" his property and acting in a very suspicious manner.

[redacted] is described as a white male; 5'6" to 5'8"; 30 to 35 years of age at this time; does not smoke; and, at one time, resided in Seattle, Washington.

Based on the apparent age and height discrepancy, it is suggested that no further action be taken concerning this matter and that [redacted] not be considered a suspect.

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) (P)

DATE: 2/11/80

FROM : SA [redacted]

[redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

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FOR INFO RECEIVING OFFICES, AT 3:00 PM, PST, TODAY,  
FEBRUARY 12, 1980, PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN PORTLAND  
OFFICE WHICH WILL ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING:

ARTHUR G. BARGER, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FBI  
FOR OREGON, HAS ANNOUNCED A DEVELOPMENT IN A CRIME WHICH  
BEGAN ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 24, 1971, AT PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, PORTLAND, OREGON, AND HAS BECOME WIDELY  
KNOWN SINCE THAT TIME AS THE D. B. COOPER HIJACKING CASE.

ON THE NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING, 1971, A MAN WHO GAVE

Subs E, G, C

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THE NAME DAN COOPER BOUGHT A ONE-WAY TICKET ON NORTHWEST AIRLINES FLIGHT 305 FROM PORTLAND, OREGON, TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. UPON DEPARTING PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, COOPER NOTIFIED A STEWARDESS THAT HE WAS HIJACKING THE AIRCRAFT AND DISPLAYED TO HER WHAT HE SAID WAS A BOMB IN HIS BRIEFCASE. THE FLIGHT PROCEEDED TO SEATTLE, WHERE AFTER MAINTAINING A HOLDING PATTERN FOR SEVERAL HOURS, IT WAS PERMITTED TO LAND AND REFUEL. AFTER \$200,000 AND FOUR PARACHUTES DEMANDED BY THE HIJACKER WERE BROUGHT ON BOARD, HE RELEASED ALL OF THE PASSENGERS AND ALL BUT FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CREW. THE FLIGHT THEN TOOK OFF AND PROCEEDED SOUTH THROUGH WASHINGTON TOWARD RENO, NEVADA. THE HIJACKER INSTRUCTED THAT THE FLAPS AND GEAR REMAIN LOWERED AND THE REAR STAIR DOOR OPEN. AS THE AIRCRAFT PASSED OVER LACENTER, WASHINGTON, CABIN PRESSURE FLUCTUATION WAS OBSERVED, WHICH WAS LATER DETERMINED TO INDICATE HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE AIRCRAFT THROUGH THE REAR STAIRWELL DOOR. SINCE THAT TIME NO TRACE OF THE HIJACKER, THE PARACHUTES, OR THE MONEY HAS BEEN FOUND UNTIL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1985.

ON THAT DATE WHILE ON AN OUTING WITH THEIR CHILDREN, MR.

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AND MRS. HAROLD DWAYNE INGRAM OF VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, DISCOVERED A SUM OF MONEY PARTIALLY BURIED BY SAND IN THE NORTH RIVER BANK OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER, APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES DOWN RIVER FROM THE U.S. INTERSTATE 5 BRIDGE CROSSING BETWEEN PORTLAND AND VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON. THE INGRAMS CONTACTED THE FBI AND AN EXAMINATION OF THE BADLY DECOMPOSED \$20 BILLS REVEALS THAT THEY BEAR SERIAL NUMBERS IDENTICAL TO A PORTION OF THOSE GIVEN TO THE HIJACKER. BECAUSE OF THE DECOMPOSED NATURE OF THE BILLS AN EXACT ESTIMATE OF THE RECOVERED MONEY IS NOT POSSIBLE PENDING A LABORATORY EXAMINATION, HOWEVER, IT APPEARS TO BE SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE PACKAGING AND THE NUMBERED SEQUENCE INDICATE THAT THE BILLS HAVE NOT BEEN SEPARATED AND ARE IN MUCH THE SAME ORDER AS WHEN GIVEN TO THE HIJACKER. THE BILLS WILL BE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO THE FBI LABORATORY FOR ADDITIONAL EXAMINATION.

IT APPEARS LOGICAL THAT THE PACKAGE OF BILLS COULD HAVE BEEN CARRIED DOWNSTREAM ON ONE OF THE WASHINGTON TRIBUTARIES OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER TO THE SITE WHERE THEY WERE FOUND.

SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE FBI FROM OREGON AND WASHINGTON HAVE SECURED THE AREA AND COMMENCED AN INTENSIVE SEARCH.

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To: SAC, OMAHA (ATTN: ASAC)  
From: SAC, SEATTLE  
Subject: D.B. COOPER

Date: 2/12/80

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Seattle, Washington

February 12, 1980

PRESS RELEASE

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PAUL L. MACK, SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) FOR WASHINGTON, HAS ANNOUNCED A DEVELOPMENT IN A CRIME WHICH BEGAN ON THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 24, 1971, AT PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, PORTLAND, OREGON, AND HAS BECOME WIDELY KNOWN SINCE THAT TIME AS THE D. B. COOPER HIJACKING CASE.

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THROUGH THE REAR STAIRWELL DOOR. SINCE THAT TIME NO TRACE OF THE HIJACKER, THE PARACHUTES, OR THE MONEY HAS BEEN FOUND UNTIL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1980.

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-81)      Date: 2/12/80  
 Attn: EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR  
 SAC, SEATTLE (164-81) HOMER BOYNTON, J/S  
 From: SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)  
 Subject: NORJAK

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REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY, DOCUMENT SECTION

Separate currency to determine exact amount contained therein.

Examine soil residue co-mingled with currency, to determine soil type, to assist in determining possible other location where currency may have been besides sandy beach area.

REQUEST OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

Examine currency for any latent fingerprints contained thereon.

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[REDACTED] LOOKED LIKE THE COMPOSITE DRAWING OF D. B. COOPER.

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Seattle, Wa.

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# Part of D.B. Cooper money found

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Compiled from news services

WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation has found about \$4,000 of the money that the legendary hijacker, D.B. Cooper, carried with him when he parachuted from a commercial jet over Southwest Washington in 1971, a bureau spokesman said Tuesday.

The spokesman, who asked not to be named, said a family wandering along the banks of the Columbia River north of Portland, Ore., found a packet of money this week.

Held together by a rubber band, the packet of \$20 bills was so badly deteriorated the F.B.I. could not make an exact count of the amount, the spokesman said.

Despite the deterioration, the spokesman said the F.B.I. was able to identify the money as part of the \$200,000 ransom given to Cooper in Seattle nine years ago. When the money was given to the hijacker, the F.B.I. kept records of the serial numbers.

The packet was found 20 miles downstream from the point where Cooper is believed to have bailed

out of the Northwest Airlines 727, the spokesman said.

He added that with floods along the river it was likely that in nine years the packet had been carried some distance.

The Portland and Seattle offices of the F.B.I. were conducting a search in the area, but the spokesman said it was unlikely that discovery of the money packet would aid in the search for Cooper, the only parachute-ransom hijacker in United States history who has not been apprehended.

Cooper boarded a Northwest

flight in Portland on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, using the name Dan Cooper. Before the plane reached Seattle, Cooper threatened to explode a "bomb" in his brief case if he were not given \$200,000 in \$20 bills and four parachutes and flown to Reno, Nev.

The plane circled Seattle for 2½ hours while authorities gathered the parachutes and money.

The passengers and two of the three stewardesses were allowed to leave the plane. The money and parachutes were loaded and the plane took off for Reno. The pilot

was ordered to fly as slowly as possible.

Somewhere over Southwest Washington, the hijacker, the money and one of the parachutes disappeared out of the plane's rear exit, opened in flight. The approximate place of departure was guessed at from cabin-pressure readings on the flight recorder.

The flight recorder and crew testimony indicated Cooper had jumped near the little town of Ariel, Cowlitz County, about 30 miles north of Portland, a densely wooded area in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains.

Despite intensive searches of the area, the only item connected with the hijacking ever found was a rear door from the 727.

Nothing ever was seen of Cooper or the \$200,000.

The F.B.I. has said since shortly after the hijacking it believed Cooper probably was killed when he landed.

In 1977, just to make sure the hijacker didn't escape prosecution via the statute of limitations, he was indicted on federal charges in absentia.

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## Agent 'explains' beachfront deposit

PORLAND (UPI) — Ralph Himmelsbach, the Federal Bureau of Investigation agent who has headed the D.B. Cooper case since the 1971 hijacking, outlines this "possible scenario" to explain how some of the Cooper money washed up on the beach west of Vancouver:

"Probably the money (in the bag) came down close to the bank of a stream. When the water got high enough it washed downstream, bumping along the bottom. The bag finally degraded.

"Perhaps it could have burst on impact, but that is not likely. We think finally, tumbling down the river bottom, it broke open and the money was carried on, wearing off little bits and pieces around the edges, grinding it down like it had been ground with sandpaper or a file, leaving the center portion."

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SUBJECT: D.B. COOPER

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# Mystery remains in the saga of D.B. Cooper

**P**ORTLAND, Ore. — The mystery surrounding D.B. Cooper's skyjacking and disappearance eight years ago has been rekindled by a Vancouver, Wash., family's inadvertent discovery of worn packets of \$20 bills on the Columbia River shoreline — part of Cooper's \$200,000 ransom.

The saga which changed the nature of airline piracy began on Thanksgiving Day, 1971, when Cooper boarded Northwest Airlines flight 305 for a flight from Portland to Seattle. Once aboard, he handed a crew member a note, saying he was carrying a bomb in a satchel and wanted \$200,000 in unmarked \$20 bills.

When the jetliner landed at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport that evening, authorities had arranged the cash and had also obtained four parachutes, as instructed by Cooper.

Cooper then allowed the flight's 38 passengers and all crew members but two pilots and one stewardess to disembark. He then ordered the aircraft to take off for Reno, Nev.

At one point in that flight, the crew felt a fluctuation in cabin pressure, which suggested the jetliner's rear cabin door had opened.

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When the pilots attempted to talk to the hijacker by intercom, they got no response.

The FBI believes it is at that point — over La Center, Wash., about 25 miles north of Portland — that Cooper strapped on the bag of money and the satchel containing the supposed bomb, and leaped out.

He tumbled into the heart of a Pacific Northwest storm, with temperatures at the 10,000-foot altitude at the minus end of the thermometer. Authorities estimated Cooper experienced a headwind of up to 200 miles per hour.

He would have landed on the ground at a speed of 50-70 miles per hour, authorities calculated.

The FBI conducted numerous reconstruction flights over southwest Washington and employed complicated computer calculations to help determine where Cooper might have landed.

Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent who has invested the past eight years on the case, concluded shortly after Cooper's jump that the daring man was killed in the attempt.

Exhaustive searches by the Washington National Guard and the FBI produced only one clue — a placard from the jetliner's rear door.

Hundreds of treasure hunters have prowled southwest Washington environs hoping to find the missing cash of Cooper.

Until the Harold Dwayne Ingram family made its discovery of a dozen packets of tattered \$20 bills, those efforts had failed.

Cooper's daring and unorthodox air hijacking — which came to be known as a "skyjacking" — provoked other efforts to extort money from commercial airline. That increase in airline piracy triggered the installation of beefed-up security systems at the nation's airports to spot potential hijackers.

Over the years, many people refused to believe that Cooper had died in his effort, and a few even claimed to be the mysterious skyjacker.

In one case, Byron "Jack" Coffelt, an ex-convict who claimed to be the mysterious hijacker, told a friend that he landed after parachuting from the airliner.

However, the site of the discovery of the D.B. Cooper ransom money is some 79 miles northwest of the area where Coffelt said he touched down.

The distance involved tends to belie Coffelt's story of the hijacking, which he told over a period of months in 1974 to an old friend who helped him search for the lost money. Coffelt died of apparent natural causes in Hawaii in 1975.

Further weakening Coffelt's claim of being Cooper is his assertion that he landed just east of Mt. Hood, which is about 25 miles south of the Columbia River.

Experts agree that even if the money entered the river at that point, it would be unlikely that it could wind its way down the wide waterway some 60 miles to where it was found on the north bank of the river.

"The money would have had to float through locks, reservoirs, spillways and power units on the Columbia," said a geologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Portland. "I don't think it could have done that and been intact."

Robert Wagman, a producer for "60 Minutes" who has spent more than a year investigating Coffelt's claim to the D.B. Cooper legend, said, "Based on conversations I've had with FBI agents and engineers who know the river, it doesn't seem possible that the money could have washed up (where it was found) from where Coffelt said he lost it. It actually defies belief."

And some people still refuse to believe that Cooper is dead.

Journalist J.D. Reed, the author of the recently released fictional book "Free Fall," dealing with the Cooper adventure, said he disagrees with the FBI that finding the money tends to support the probability that D.B. Cooper did not survive the jump.

"It doesn't rule out that Cooper got away," said Reed.



An artist's sketches of D.B. Cooper based on recollections of passengers on the jet he hijacked and parachuted from in 1971.

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The cash discovery has brought a new twist to the D.B. Cooper saga. Cooper was believed to have bailed out over La Center, Wash. But the money was found approximately 20 miles south of there.

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# D.B. and the money

**V**ANCOUVER, Wash. — William M. Baker, assistant agent in charge of the Portland FBI office, said discovery of the money ago as part of the \$200,000 paid to airline hijacker "D.B." that Cooper died in the hijacking attempt.

Columbia River beach near here, Cooper's extortion effort was the first time a jet had been hijacked

Harold D. Ingram, 27, his wife, Patricia, 26, and their two sons, Tena and Brian, were picnicking on what is known since the Cooper escapade, as Tena's Bar last Sunday when their older son discovered the certain how much money was in

money. Eight-year-old Brian Ingram was to "several thousand dollars." helping his father gather firewood. The money has been sent to the and had scooped out sand for a FBI laboratory in Washington, fire. As his father was about to D.C., and Baker hopes the lab will drop an armload of wood, young be able to pick fingerprints off the Ingram said, "Wait a minute, bills, which could lead to the Daddy."

Recalling his find yesterday, Brian said, "I seen that money, I break," he said. thought, wow."

But his parents remained calm, the son recalled. They thought it was counterfeit.

The tattered and worn bills young Ingram found were the first to be recovered by law enforcement agencies since Nov. 24, 1971, when a passenger hijacked a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727.

The man, identified on the flight list as Dan Cooper, parachuted out of the airliner somewhere over southwestern Washington.

The serial numbers on the bills discovered by young Ingram matched those on the money given Cooper by the FBI in 1971.

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"The Ingrams had gone for an afternoon picnic on a 25-yard stretch of beach three miles west of Vancouver on the Columbia River, the state line between Washington and Oregon. The beach, which is popular with fishermen, is owned by a dairy and truck farming company.

Ingram, a painter, said in a news conference yesterday that the bills bound in three packets and wrapped in worn rubberbands were about six inches beneath the surface. Despite the find, the family continued with its picnic.

"It didn't look like I could spend it," the older Ingram said.

The family, which moved last year from Oklahoma to Vancouver, a town of about 40,000 across the Columbia from Portland, wasn't aware of the D.B. Cooper legend. Baker said the family contacted the FBI Monday afternoon only after learning about the hijacking from friends, who suggested the money might have been part of the missing loot.

After the Ingrams reported their discovery, the FBI immediately cordoned off a section of beach behind the truck and dairy farm operated by the New Columbia Gardens Co.

Fifteen to 20 FBI agents dressed in blue jeans and using shovels and rakes they had brought from their homes sifted through sand and driftwood along a 150-yard stretch around where the Ingrams found the cash.

Working from 10 a.m. until dusk yesterday, they found a few bits of bills buried from a half-foot to 3 feet beneath the surface near where the campfire had been. The FBI expected to use a backhoe today to dig even deeper.

Baker said one of the first chores for the agency will be to attempt to find how the money got to the beach. He said the FBI believes the money was washed up on the shoreline at a time when the Columbia was running high.

He said experts in hydrology and topography would be consulted to determine how the money got to the beach. The FBI has meticulously reconstructed flight conditions that existed at the time Cooper is believed to have jumped.

The FBI believes Cooper jumped out over the small Washington town of La Center, about 20 miles north of Vancouver. In nearby Ariel, Wash., a tiny town that has adopted Cooper as a folk hero, city fathers hold "Cooper Caper Days" each year on the

anniversary of his jump.

Despite extensive searches employing the FBI, sheriff's departments from two counties in southwest Washington and the Washington National Guard, no trace of Cooper has been found.

"He's probably not alive today," said Dorwyn Schreuder, FBI agent supervising the continuing beach search. "If he were, I think he'd be with his money."

Ralph Himmelsbach, FBI agent leading the Cooper investigation for the past eight years, said the conditions under which Cooper parachuted underscored the fact that he died in the jump.

Himmelsbach said the FBI believes Cooper was wearing only a business suit and street shoes when he jumped at night into sub-freezing temperatures and winds of up to 200 miles an hour.

Even if Cooper should somehow have survived and is watching recent developments on television, he still isn't clear of the law. A federal grand jury in 1977 handed down an indictment against Cooper charging him with air piracy.

"Just in case ..." said Baker.



Brian Ingram, 8, and his parents, Harold and Patricia, talk about their discovery from their Vancouver home.



Part of the ransom paid to skyjacker D.B. Cooper in 1971, discovered yesterday on a beach in Washington State.

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I-1 LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES, CA

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# Found by Family on Outing Part of 'D. B. Cooper' Loot

WASHINGTON—A young Vancouver, Wash., family on an outing along the Columbia River last Sunday suddenly stumbled across 12 stacks of moldering money—part of the \$200,000 that the notorious airline hijacker "D. B. Cooper" made off with more than eight years ago, the FBI said Tuesday.

With the bills now having been traced definitely to the Cooper loot, 30 agents from the Portland and Seattle FBI offices have begun an extensive search of the area for more of the money—and possibly for some sign of Cooper or, more likely, his remains.

The money—"several thousand dollars," according to one official—was found in Washington about five miles northwest of the Interstate 5 bridge that spans the Columbia and separates Washington from Oregon, FBI agent William M. Baker told a news conference in Portland.

Discovery of the money by Harold Dwayne Ingram, 27, his wife, Patricia, 26, and their sons, 8 and 3, marked the latest twist in the bizarre saga of the now-legendary Cooper, who parachuted from a Northwest Airlines jetliner on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971, never to be seen or heard from again.

When found by the Ingolds, the stacks of \$20 bills were bound by decomposing rubber bands, the FBI said. But there was "no trace of D. B. Cooper," according to the agency.

Shortly after the hijacking, a cult

sprang up around D. B. Cooper, a

name that never has been traced to its origins.

A private club was named in his honor, D. B. Cooper T-shirts were manufactured, bumper stickers were run off and anniversary parties were held.

Baker said in Portland that whether Cooper got away with the rest of the money was an open question.

Law enforcement authorities long have believed that Cooper died in his plunge from the Boeing 727 because he was wearing only a business suit and street shoes when he jumped into a howling wind and freezing rain in an unreliable parachute. It has been estimated that he hit the ground at a speed of 50 to 70 m.p.h.

The saga began when "Cooper" boarded the jetliner in Portland for an evening flight to Seattle. Once airborne, he demanded that the airline have \$200,000 in \$20 bills and three parachutes on hand when the plane landed in Seattle. He threatened to blow up the plane if his demands were not met.

The airline complied, providing the parachutes and money. However, the FBI said Tuesday that the serial numbers of the bills had been recorded.

Cooper permitted the airliner's 36 passengers to leave the plane in Seattle. He then ordered the crew to take the plane to Reno and told the pilot to fly at a relatively low altitude and to open the plane's rear stairway.

Crew members last heard his voice on the plane's intercom when they were over the Washington-Oregon border. They said they believe he jumped, using the least reliable parachute.

The decomposed money was found 17 to 20 miles from the jump site by the Ingolds' older son, Brian. The bills were partly buried in sand that the Ingolds were scooping out to build a fire.

"Here's some more wood for the fire, Daddy," the father recalled his son as saying.

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"It wasn't wood," Ingram said. "He (Brian) thought he had struck it rich."

Ingram said he assumed the bills might be part of the Cooper money. He turned them over to the FBI, adding with a smile that they were so decomposed, "I couldn't have spent it."

In leafing through the rotting bills, Baker said, the FBI made about "nine or 10 immediate hits"—matches with the numbers of the missing money. The bills were flown to Washington for further analysis and tests by the FBI laboratory.

An FBI official said the packaging and number sequence of the recovered bills indicated they had not been separated and "are in much the same order as when they were given to the hijacker."

The initial search, confined to an area several hundred yards long and 40 yards wide, turned up "fragments of more money"—nothing more, Baker said. He said the money appeared to have washed up on the bank.

Once that search is completed, probably by this afternoon, a scaled-down number of agents will move upstream, continuing the hunt.

Law enforcement officials in the Pacific Northwest have theorized that Cooper's body is at the bottom of Lake Merwin, 30 miles north of Portland, or that his bones are so entangled in giant wild blackberry bushes that they will never be found.

Ralph Himmelsbach, the FBI agent who has worked on the hijacking since it took place, said the money probably had been washed downstream from a Columbia tributary in Washington. But he said he doubted that it came from the Lewis River, the tributary that flows out of Lake Merwin.



**WEATHERED CASH**—Harold and Patricia Ingram  
in Portland with money their son took.

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# Memorandum

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On 12/12/79, [redacted]  
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[redacted] white male, DOB [redacted], had told her several months ago while he had been drinking that he was actually D. V. Cooper, the subject of a TV news story that they were watching.

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On 12/14/79, [redacted] viewed a composite sketch of TV Cooper and stated it resembled [redacted]. She stated he has always smoked non-filter Camel cigarettes and that he has black hair and hazel eyes. She stated he is a long time resident of Bloomington, Indiana, who [redacted]  
[redacted] at Michigan City, Indiana, where he [redacted]

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On 1/28/80, a review of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Bloomington, Indiana, records show [redacted] has FBI Number [redacted] Monroe County Sheriff's Photo Identification Number [redacted] and [redacted]

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On 12/12/79, [redacted]  
Bloomington, Indiana, advised [redacted]  
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On 12/14/79, [redacted] viewed a composite sketch of TV Cooper and stated it resembled [redacted]. She stated he has always smoked non-filter Camel cigarettes and that he has black hair and hazel eyes. She stated he is a long time resident of Bloomington, Indiana, who [redacted]  
[redacted] at Michigan City, Indiana, where he [redacted]

On 1/28/80, a review of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Bloomington, Indiana, records show [redacted] has FBI Number [redacted] Monroe County Sheriff's Photo Identification Number [redacted] and [redacted]  
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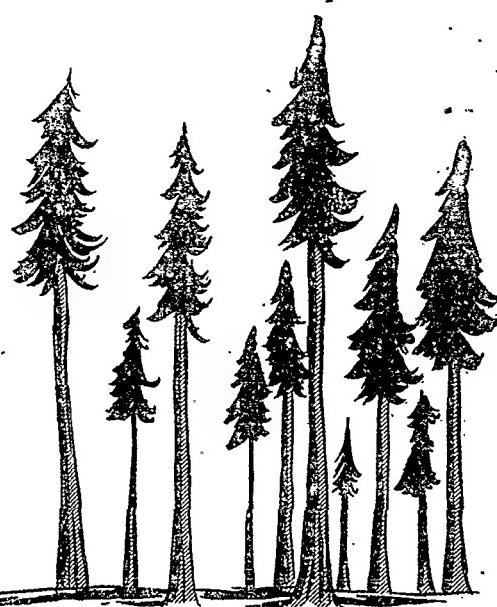
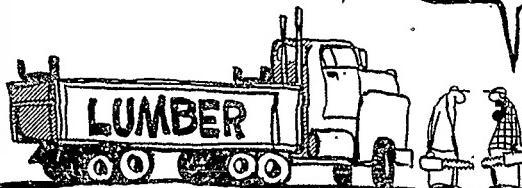
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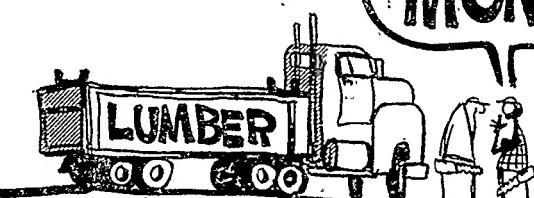
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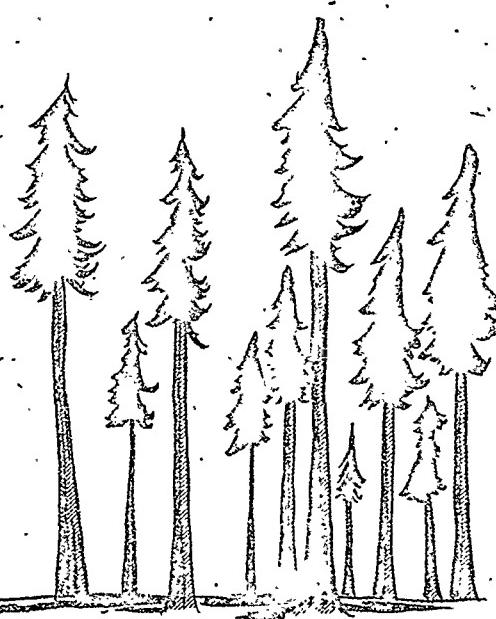
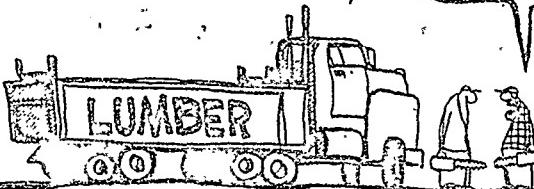
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Dear Sir,

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As long as we were going to same state we sat together and he told me what he had been doing in New YORK. He had been living in Nassau on Long Island and doing odd work to get by on. He said he had A sister in Spokane and was going there. When we got to Chicago he bought my dinner and rode the rest of the way with A tourist who was going as far as we were.

I am 68 years old and living on retirement so it does not make any difference about the reward offer being cancelled.I am enclosi my phone number and address with my name;

Charles F. Seward  
1818 Terry Ave.  
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Tel. 345 9398

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# Cooper parties will continue in Ariel

By Fran Kaiser  
The Daily News Staff Writer

ARIEL — The party will go on — whether D.B. Cooper is found or not.

That assurance is from Laurel Fisher, owner of the Ariel Store and Tavern, where legend seekers gather each November to fete the famous skyjacker.

"We'll probably have the party forever," said Laurel, who spent the morning hosting television crews from as far away as Los Angeles after some of Cooper's loot was found near Vancouver.

Even if Cooper is found dead the party will continue as a memorial, she said.

"It means something to everyone up here. It's a legend. He sort of put Ariel on the map."

Authorities believe Cooper bailed out of the hijacked Boeing 727 near Lake Merwin in the area east of Woodland. Neither he nor \$200,000 in loot was ever seen — until some of the money appeared Tuesday.

The money caused excitement in the small community on the Lewis River near Merwin Dam. Despite the find, some Ariel residents still say maybe Cooper dropped some of his money, but got away.

Laurel and her husband, David, bought the store 15 months ago and continued the traditional party started by the former owner.

About 300 people showed up for last November's party. Some, perhaps, hoped Cooper himself might be lured to the celebration if he's alive.

He's never shown, but he has an open invitation.

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By Darrell Bob Houston

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I looked up from my manuscript and studied the cabin. Seat C, Row 18. That's where Cooper had sat on Flight 305, chain-smoking his Raleighs and fondling that attache case with the five phony sticks of dynamite inside. Mr. Nice Guy with the Rotary Club smile and the cheap business suit. Tobacco stains on his teeth — and larceny in his heart.

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Now, a large red sign proclaimed: This stairway cannot be opened in flight. The D. B. door was closed — for good. Cooper had changed the specifications of a fleet of \$5 million airplanes. He had also made me a hero worshiper.

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"I'm curious . . ." she began. My paranoia mounted. I fumbled around, trying to hide the manuscript that was open on my lap.

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"You're a writer, aren't you?"

I mumbled a confession.

" . . . And that's a b.o.o.k manuscript?" Her smile was very white. I thought of the froth on a Wyoming trout stream.

Faking a coughing attack, I bent over the thick pile of pages that constituted my D.B. Cooper novel.

"What's your book about?"

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"D. B. Cooper," I whispered.

"Any relation to James Fenimore?"

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When I think back to that stormy Thanksgiving Eve of 1971, the night Cooper half-gained his way to immortality, I find it hard to label him the criminal he officially is — dead or alive.

I was huddled in bed in my \$50-a-month pad on Summit Avenue, listening to the radio and eating noodles with a pair of borrowed chopsticks.

The noodles were even colder than the apartment. But after the first flash about the parachute skyjack, it didn't matter.

Apologizing to my pet cockroach, William S. Burroughs III, I scratched around on the floor and found a dime. I called the Los Angeles Times. The editors assigned me to do a D.B. story.

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When my television host asked me if I thought Cooper was a new American hero, I was ready.

"Yes," I said. "He was a terrific hero. He screwed the System back — nonviolently, nonpolitically. He didn't hurt anybody, and he only took 200 grand."

"And best of all" — I had rehearsed the line for a week — "he didn't leave any footprints in the clouds."

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"You must have the wrong apartment," I said, from the doorway.

Her reply made no sense.

"I had a nervous breakdown after the skyjack," she said in a dull voice.

Excusing myself, I ducked into the bathroom. I wanted to wash my face, collect my wits. Dozens of D. B. Cooper freaks had sought me out over the years, but this was going too far. I fully

expected this one to tell me that D. B. was really a woman.

When I came out of the bathroom my visitor was gone. I ran down the hall and out into the streets. Nothing. She had pulled a classic D. B. and vanished into the ozone.

I returned to my apartment, shaking my head. Still puzzled, I leafed through my Cooper scrapbook. There it was — an old advance copy of the magazine article the LA Times editors had killed in 1972.

One of the photographs showed the crew of the skyjacked 727 after the plane — sparks rising high from the still down ventral stairs — had landed at Reno.

Tina Mucklow, the stewardess Cooper held hostage on the plane, was sitting on her suitcase. Her long blonde hair was scraggly. Her posture was stumped — and somehow defeated.

I no longer worry about whether the woman who appeared at my apartment was real, imaginary — or a prankster. She simply was.

D. B. Cooper left more than a stack of cigarette butts when he bailed out into that freezing rainstorm. He left behind a victim, one who doesn't laugh at skyjacking jokes.

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Sincerely,

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Paul L. Mack  
Special Agent in Charge

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Vancouver, Washington [redacted]

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RE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] PERSONAL CRIMES UNIT, TO PORTLAND, FEBRUARY 19 AND 20, 1980.

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IN RESPONSE TO BUREAU REQUEST FOR SUMMARY OF INFORMATION ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER, THE FOLLOWING IS SET FORTH:

AT APPROXIMATELY 5:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 11, 1980, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE PORTLAND OFFICE TO ADVISE HE HAD FOUND SOME OLD DECOMPOSED \$20 BILLS, AND HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER THE BILLS WERE BEING SOUGHT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES. NCIC CHECKS OF THREE SERIAL NUMBERS FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] DISCLOSED TWO WERE ON NORJAK RANSOM LIST. THIRD SERIAL NUMBER FURNISHED CONTAINED TOO MANY

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[REDACTED] BENT DOWN AND, WITH HIS HANDS, SMOOTHED THE SAND TO CLEAR A PLACE TO BUILD THE FIRE. AT THAT MOMENT, [REDACTED], WITH HIS HANDS, A BUNDLE THAT TURNED OUT TO BE THE MONEY IN THIS MATTER. THE MONEY, AT THAT

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TIME, WAS IN A PARCEL BARELY HELD TOGETHER BY DECOMPOSED RUBBER-BANDS WHICH CRUMBLED AND FELL AWAY UPON BEING HANDLED. VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY EXAMINED AND HANDLED THE MONEY WHICH THEY THEN TOOK HOME WITH THEM THAT EVENING. THE FOLLOWING DAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1980, [REDACTED] RELATED THE STORY OF THE FINDING OF THE MONEY TO FELLOW EMPLOYEES AT U-CART MANUFACTURING COMPANY, VANCOUVER, WHERE [REDACTED] AND THEY TOLD HIM ABOUT THE COOPER SKYJACKING CASE AND POSSIBILITY THAT THE MONEY MAY HAVE COME FROM THIS RANSOM. HE THEN CONTACTED THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE UPON GETTING OFF OF WORK THAT DAY.

AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 12, 1980, [REDACTED] APPEARED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] RELATED TO THE PRESS THE ABOVE STORY RELATING TO THE FINDING OF THE MONEY. ON FEBRUARY 13, 1980, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [REDACTED] AT THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE TO ADVISE THAT THE STORY OF THE FINDING OF THE MONEY BY [REDACTED] WAS NOT ENTIRELY ACCURATE. SHE STATED THAT THE MONEY HAD ACTUALLY BEEN FOUND BY [REDACTED]

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WHO WERE PLAYING TOGETHER IN THE SAND BY THE FIRE WHILE, AT THE TIME THE MONEY WAS FOUND, [REDACTED] WAS MANY FEET AWAY FROM THE FIRE AND THE PLACE WHERE THE MONEY WAS FOUND AND WAS ACTUALLY NEAR THE WATER'S EDGE. UNDER CLOSE QUESTIONING ABOUT THE ENTIRE INCIDENT, [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT PERHAPS NOT ALL OF THE MONEY HAD BEEN TURNED IN BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SHE AGREED TO DO WHAT SHE COULD TO SEE THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE RANSOM THAT HAD BEEN FOUND WAS TURNED IN TO THE FBI. ON FEBRUARY 14, 1980, [REDACTED] AFTER MAKING AN APPOINTMENT, APPEARED AT THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE AND TURNED IN FOUR MORE \$20 BILLS FROM THE RANSOM. AT THAT TIME, SHE REITERATED HER PREVIOUS ACCOUNT OF THE MONEY BEING ACTUALLY FOUND BY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] TELEPHONICALLY AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 19, 1980, [REDACTED] REITERATED HER EARLIER STORY THAT THE MONEY HAD ACTUALLY BEEN FOUND BY [REDACTED] WHILE [REDACTED] WAS QUITE A DISTANCE AWAY FROM THE [REDACTED] BY THE WATER'S EDGE.

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ON FEBRUARY 20, 1960, [REDACTED]

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PHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [REDACTED] ADVISING THAT SHE HAD HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT THE FBI WAS MAKING AN AWARD TO [REDACTED] FOR HAVING FOUND THE MONEY. SHE WANTED TO CONFIRM THIS. SHE WAS TOLD THAT THE PORTLAND DIVISION HAD NO SUCH INFORMATION.

SHE THEN ASKED IF [REDACTED] HAD VISITED THE PORTLAND OFFICE, WHICH WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, AND SHE ASKED IF [REDACTED] BROUGHT ANYTHING WITH HER, AND THIS WAS ACKNOWLEDGED, AND SHE THEN ASKED HOW MANY, AND WAS TOLD FOUR. SHE THEN SAID THAT SHE AND [REDACTED] HAD KEPT TWO BILLS EACH FROM THE RANSOM MONEY FOUND FOR SOUVENIRS NOT REALIZING WHAT IT WAS, AND THAT WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE EXPLAINED TO THEM, THEY, [REDACTED], RETURNED THE MONEY TO THE PORTLAND FBI OFFICE. [REDACTED] THEN REITERATED THE ACCOUNT PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY [REDACTED] AS TO THE

FINDING OF THE MONEY BY [REDACTED] AND STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS NOT AT THE POINT PLAYING WITH [REDACTED] WHEN THE MONEY WAS FOUND.

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE DISPARITY OF STORIES RELATED BY VARIOUS  
MEMBERS OF THE [REDACTED] THE PORTLAND OFFICE FEELS THAT  
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# Boy who found hijack loot gets bill as souvenir

VANCOUVER, Wash. — (AP) — Brian Ingram, the 8-year-old who uncovered some of D.B. Cooper's hijack loot, will get to keep one of the frayed \$20 bills as a souvenir.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation also gave the Vancouver boy a certificate praising him for his discovery.

Brian was helping his father, Harold, build a fire on a Columbia River beach February 10 when he uncovered three bundles of weathered \$20 bills. The bills were the first evidence uncovered in the case since Cooper hijacked the jetliner in 1971.

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# Found D.B.'s Loot!

## Kids Dig Up Hijack Cash

By Neil Modie

More than eight years after D.B. Cooper parachuted into rainy darkness from a hijacked airliner, part of his \$200,000 loot was found buried in a river bank near Vancouver, Wash., the FBI announced yesterday.

Badly weathered and apparently washed ashore from the Columbia River, the stacks of \$20 bills say nothing encouraging about the fate of the legendary hijacker.

"It can tell you a number of things — either he dropped the money or he's dead," commented John D. Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the FBI office in Seattle. "We can't tell at this point."

For Ralph Himmelsbach of Portland, the FBI agent in charge of the investigation since it began, the discovery reinforces his opinion that Cooper died after he parachuted from a Northwest Orient 727 trijet on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971.



BRIAN INGRAM  
The money in the sand

Himmelsbach said the find reduced to "less than 50-50" the odds that Cooper is still alive.

The money was found Sunday by an 8-year-old Vancouver boy, Brian Ingram, and his 5-year-old cousin, Denise, as they were digging in the sand with sticks along the river bank during a family outing.

"This clue is the first we've had since the night of the occurrence," said Bill Baker, assistant special agent in charge of the Portland office, which the Ingram family contacted on Monday.

The money was found about 25 miles southwest of the area where the FBI had thought it most likely Cooper landed after he parachuted from the jetliner into a freezing rainstorm on Nov. 24, 1971.

The hijacker, who had used the name "Dan Cooper" to buy his airline ticket, boarded the jet in Portland, threatened to blow it up with what he claimed was a bomb in his briefcase, then forced it to land in Seattle to collect the ransom.

Cooper allowed 36 passengers aboard the flight to leave, then ordered the crew of four to fly it to Reno after \$200,000 in marked bills and four parachutes demanded by the hijacker were brought on board.

As the southbound airliner passed over Southwest Washington, the hijacker — wearing only a business suit and street shoes — parachuted through a rear stairwell door.

As "Dan Cooper" became a legend, the name "D.B. Cooper" — as an FBI agent had initially identified him — became the name that stuck.

The FBI said his chances of survival were slim because he was lightly dressed for jumping into a howling wind and a freezing rain in a parachute not likely to work.

Agents have theorized that his remains are at the bottom of Lake Merwin, its forest of underwater snags entangling his parachute, or in

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bones are deeply enmeshed in giant blackberry bushes in the remote area 30 miles north of Portland and never will be found.

Regardless of Cooper's fate, Sunday's discovery was the first of any trace of the hijacker, the parachutes or the money.

The long frustrated FBI made simultaneous announcements of the find in Seattle, Portland and Washington, D.C., yesterday.

The crumbling stacks of \$20 bills, and members of the Ingram family who dug it out of the sand, were put on display at an FBI press conference in Portland.

"An examination of the badly decomposed \$20 bills reveals that they bear serial numbers identical to a portion of those given to the hijacker," Paul L. Mack, special agent in charge of the FBI's Seattle office, said in a statement.

"Because of the decomposed nature of the bills, an exact estimate of the recovered money is not possible pending a laboratory examination. However, it appears to be several thousand dollars.

"The packaging and the numbered sequence," Mack added, "indicate that the bills have not been separated and are in much the same order as when given to the hijacker."

The money was still held together with a rubber band, FBI agents said.

The bills are being sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., for further examination.

"It appears logical that the package of bills could have been carried downstream on one of the Wash-

ton tributaries of the Columbia River to the site where they were found," Mack said.

The money was found on the Washington side of the Columbia about five miles downstream from the Interstate 5 bridge at Vancouver, where the river makes a sharp northward bend.

The discovery will probably steer agents away from the vicinity of Lake Merwin, which until now they had considered the most likely area for Cooper to have landed in his jump.

Lake Merwin is behind a dam on the Lewis River, which empties into the Columbia about 15 miles downstream from where the money was found. So it appears to mean the loot couldn't have washed down the Lewis River.

Agent Himmelsbach said the money could have washed down the Washougal River instead. If so, the agent said, Cooper's landing spot would have been about 25 miles farther south than the FBI had believed.

About 33 FBI agents from Portland and Seattle swarmed over the area where the money was found with shovels and rakes last night. An agent said they'd be back at work there today.

Treasure hunters and curiosity seekers were being kept away.

"We've got the area secured and it will be secured until we're through with it," Bill Williams, a spokesman for the Portland office of the FBI said.

The site is in a swampy dairy farming area, frequently flooded by the Columbia River.

During spring runoff, Williams

said, the money could have been carried down a stream into the Columbia, "and then come downstream a little more every year."

Bits of \$20 bills were found buried in as much as three feet of sand, Williams said. But he added that the depth wasn't remarkable considering the amount of flooding.

In the increasingly unlikely event that Cooper turns up alive, he will still face a federal charge of airline hijacking — and a possible death penalty.

As a precaution, a federal grand jury in Portland indicted "John Doe, also known as Dan Cooper," on Thanksgiving Eve 1976 — the last day before a five-year statute of limitations would have run out.

Agent said in Seattle yesterday that the FBI doesn't believe the statute of limitations would have applied anyway because it considers the crime a capital offense, for which there is no time limit.

The person happiest about the discovery of the ransom money may be Agent Himmelsbach, who is scheduled to retire from the FBI Feb. 29 after more than eight years of frustration with the hijacking investigation.

"I'm delighted," he said yesterday.

"We haven't gotten him off the ceiling yet," Williams said of Himmelsbach.

Williams said the second-happiest person may be a dairy farmer on whose property the money is believed to have been found. In the past, the agent said, the farmer has posted a sign charging fishermen and picnickers 25 cents to use his property.

"He'll probably be charging five dollars now," Williams said.



AN ARTIST made sketch  
of D.B. Cooper.

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HOWARD AND PATRICIA INGRAM tell how their child and niece found some of Cooper's money (in foreground).

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Dear Sir:

My Letter will not be  
the only Letter asking  
What becomes of the  
D.B. Cooper Dollars.  
After the F.B.I. gets  
Done with them -

instead of Destroying them

I would like to buy some  
as get some And make  
D.B. Cooper  
Seventeen Dollars.

By putting them between  
of plastic - I  
have no place to Resell

Then - far a Profit  
But to keep as a  
As a keepsake with my  
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yours truly

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GEOLOGIST Leonard Palmer explains FBI agents are digging through several feet of sand dredged from the Columbia River in search of the D.B. Cooper cash.

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# My Search for D.B. Cooper

## 9 Years Trailing The Phantom Skyjacker

Tuesday's announcement of the finding of part of the D.B. Cooper loot was the first dramatic development in one of the nation's most publicized — and puzzling — skyjack cases. Seattle writer Darrell Bob Houston, who has devoted years of study to the case and who wrote the book "King of the Midnight Blue," herewith reviews the D.B. Cooper history and his own preoccupation with it.

By Darrell Bob Houston

My first mistake was having the same initials as D.B. Cooper.

My second was writing a book about him.

My third was allowing myself to become a D.B. Cooper expert.

My fourth — and perhaps most dangerous — was when I scoffed

at the supernatural overtones in the case.

My fifth mistake was the most embarrassing. After nine years of checking out everything from the Raleigh filter cigarettes that D.B. smoked to the thin clip-on necktie he wore, I came to see him as a kind of avatar. The Last Invisible Hero. He could be anybody — because he was nobody. Punk or paragon, he could go either way.

Even the FBI doesn't know what he looked like. The thousands of flyers they plastered around the

world show Cooper's face hidden behind the fattest pair of sunglasses this side of Hollywood Boulevard.

D.B. is the only man ever to make the global Ten Most Wanted List — in disguise. But ask any school kid who the first man to walk on the moon was, and all you get is a stare. Mention D.B. and the kid will give you everything but the serial numbers on the ransom money.

There I go, parroting the lines that I've fed to people for the past nine years. Especially people who wanted my help in turning "the real D.B. Cooper" over to the police. Many claimed to have been in jail with him. One caller, after reading one of my essays on Cooper, said D.B. was really his mother — in drag.

Steadily it was building up, this feeling that I was hiding the truth from myself. I fought it back. Every time a new clue would turn up — a pair of soiled underwear in a Southwest Washington tree, the alleged sighting of a Sasquatch playing building-blocks with a pile of \$20 bills — I would write another skyjack article.

D.B. had become, in a sense, my life. And my livelihood.

Then came the day when the

conviction struck home.

I had just finished a story for Saga Magazine called "The Phantom Skyjacker." I brushed off my dark Montgomery Ward business suit. I flicked at a mote of dust on my low-cut military brogans. I straightened my thin, clip-on tie. I pushed my wrap-around sunglasses up on my forehead and exclaimed to the skies:

"It's true. I know too much. I am D.B. Cooper!"

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My megalomania fled the next day.

It was the letter that did it. From the opening paragraph, I was hooked.

Here's how it began:

*Thanksgiving eve, 1971. A stormy night. A Northwest Orient 727 lumbers through the darkness. Its speed is barely above stall-point. A stairwell slowly detends from the big jet's belly.*

*A man appears. He rides the swaying ladder like a tomcat on a fire ladder. He wears a dark suit and overcoat. Sunglasses are taped to his temples.*

*Strapped to his waist is a canvas bag stuffed with the \$200,000 ransom he collected at Seattle. Over his buttocks, on the same strap, an attache case dangles. It is black and contains five sticks of phony dynamite.*

*The man is poised on the final step. His laughter rises in the wind. He spreads his arms wide and skydives toward the treetops — and the folklore of the nation.*

*D.B. Cooper has arrived. The world will never be the same place again.*

I felt a pang of professional jealousy. This guy was good with the

typewriter. And all the space-age jargon was there. He called the 727-100's engines "Pratt & Whitney jewels." He knew the skyjacked plane's fuel capacity — in U.S. gallons. And he knew how much 10,000 twenties weighed.

It was smooth and authentic. Still, the writer could have gotten most of that stuff out of Jane's All the World's Aircraft.

But one section struck home. The part that told about the delivery of the ransom aboard the 727 at Sea-Tac Airport:

"The bills were the real McCoy. But all of them had been xeroxed to get their serial numbers. I know. I snarfed them personally."

Snarfed? A doozy of a verb, an active verb.

One that might lead me straight

to the skyjacker. To an all-time journalistic scoop. To fame, fortune — and a Hollywood contract.

I read the letter a dozen times.

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way. He wore a Brahm's sweatshirt and a pair of Vietcong pajama trousers. His slippers looked like the gloves on a boxing kangaroo.

I kept my voice calm.

"Hello. Is he around?"

The old man clammed up.

"It's O.K., dad," I said. "I'm not with the police."

"Cooper packed up and moved out a couple of days ago," he said. "Didn't pay his rent, though."

"His name is really D.B. Cooper?"

The old man studied his palms.

"Strange fella," he said. "Kept trying to turn himself in. But the cops wouldn't believe his story, either."

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I called Sea-Tac and asked for Operations.

A young, eager voice came on. I told its owner that I was a writer. What I specifically wanted to know was this: had anyone in Operations overheard any of the conversation between Cooper and the tower while the plane was refueling and the money was being delivered to the skyjacker?

There was a pause.

"I heard a little," the young man said. "But don't quote me."

"I don't even know your name," I assured him.

"The radio was a little staticy," he said. "I heard the captain tell Cooper that the smart skyjacker would try for San Francisco instead of Reno. Cooper just told him to rotate for takeoff — that's right, rotate — and head south, on Vector 23."

I asked what his voice was like.

"Flat, sir," my informant said. "Kind of a whine, like W.C. Fields or Mae West."

"Anything else?"

"Yeh. Cooper was very unhappy about the money having been xeroxed. He said something like, 'I sniffed it myself — tell that to the bank!'"

"Sniffed?" I said. "Or snarfed?"

A long silence.

"I'm not sure, sir," the helpful young man said at last. His tone turned waspish. "Could it possibly make any difference?"

"Only," I said, "to someone who's over forty and has a dirty mind."

"Dirty mind, sir?"

Sighing, I thanked the young man and hung up. I was too old to be tracking phantom skyjackers.

Admit it, I goaded myself. You've finally OD'd on D.B.

But my addiction was not that simple.

Once a Cooper expert, always a Cooper expert.

(Next: The Los Angeles Times backs down on D.B. — and a beautiful blonde ghost visits my apartment.)



D.B. HOUSTON and the only man to make the international 10  
Most Wanted List in disguise.

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# My Search for D.B. Cooper

## 9 Years Trailing The Phantom Skyjacker

Tuesday's announcement of the finding of part of the D.B. Cooper loot was the first dramatic development in one of the nation's most publicized — and puzzling — skyjack cases. Seattle writer Darrell Bob Houston, who has devoted years of study to the case and who wrote the book "King of the Midnight Blue," herewith reviews the D.B. Cooper history and his own preoccupation with it.

By Darrell Bob Houston

My first mistake was having the same initials as D.B. Cooper.

My second was writing a book about him.

My third was allowing myself to become a D.B. Cooper expert.

My fourth — and perhaps most dangerous — was when I scoffed

at the supernatural overtones in the case.

My fifth mistake was the most embarrassing. After nine years of checking out everything from the Raleigh filter cigarettes that D.B. smoked to the thin clip-on necktie he wore, I came to see him as a kind of avatar. The Last Invisible Hero. He could be anybody — because he was nobody. Punk or paragon, he could go either way.

Even the FBI doesn't know what he looked like. The thousands of flyers they plastered around the

world show Cooper's face hidden behind the fattest pair of sunglasses this side of Hollywood Boulevard.

D.B. is the only man ever to make the global Ten Most Wanted List — in disguise. But ask any school kid who the first man to walk on the moon was, and all you get is a stare. Mention D.B. and the kid will give you everything but the serial numbers on the ransom money.

There I go, parroting the lines that I've fed to people for the past

nine years. Especially people who wanted my help in turning "the real D.B. Cooper" over to the police.

Many claimed to have been in jail with him. One caller, after reading one of my essays on Cooper, said D.B. was really his mother — in drag.

Steadily it was building up, this feeling that I was hiding the truth from myself. I fought it back. Every time a new clue would turn up — a pair of soiled underwear in a Southwest Washington tree, the alleged sighting of a sasquatch, playing building-blocks with a pile of \$20 bills — I would write another skyjack article.

D.B. had become, in a sense, my life. And my livelihood.

Then came the day when the

conviction struck home.

I had just finished a story for "Saga Magazine" called "The Phantom Skyjacker." I brushed off my dark Montgomery Ward business suit. I flicked at a mote of dust on my lowcut military brogans. I straightened my thin, clip-on tie. I pushed my wrap-around sunglasses up on my forehead and exclaimed to the skies:

"It's true. I know too much. I am D.B. Cooper!"

My megalomania fled the next day.

It was the letter that did it. From the opening paragraph, I was hooked.

Here's how it began:

*Thanksgiving eve, 1971. A stormy night. A Northwest Orient 727 lumbers through the darkness. Its speed is barely above stall-point. A stairwell slowly descends from the big jet's belly.*

*A man appears. He rides the swaying ladder like a tomcat on a fire ladder. He wears a dark suit and overcoat. Sunglasses are taped to his temples.*

*Strapped to his waist is a canvas bag stuffed with the \$200,000 ransom he collected at Seattle. Over his buttocks, on the same strap, an attache case dangles. It is black and contains five sticks of phony dynamite.*

*The man is poised on the final step. His laughter rises in the wind. He spreads his arms wide and skydives toward the treetops — and the folklore of the nation.*

*D.B. Cooper has arrived. The world will never be the same place again.*

I felt a pang of professional jealousy. This guy was good with the

typewriter. And all the space-age jargon was there. He called the 727-100's engines "Pratt & Whitney jewels." He knew the skyjacked plane's fuel capacity — in U.S. gallons. And he knew how much 10,000 twenties weighed.

It was smooth and authentic. Still, the writer could have gotten most of that stuff out of Jane's All the World's Aircraft.

But one section struck home. The part that told about the delivery of the ransom aboard the 727 at Sea-Tac Airport:

"The bills were the real McCoy. But all of them had been xeroxed to get their serial numbers. I know. I snarfed them personally."

Snarfed? A doozy of a verb, an active verb.

One that might lead me straight

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# Finally, a fact is added to Cooper saga

by Steve Johnston  
Times staff reporter

Passengers on Flight 305 remembered the man as a quiet-spoken sort wearing a dark brown suit. He took the last seat on the right-hand side of the Northwest Orient Airline's flight out of Portland heading for Seattle.

The only thing unusual about the man was that he wore sunglasses, unusual because it was a rainy day on November 24, 1971, a day before Thanksgiving.

The man checked aboard the Boeing 727 under the name of "Dai Cooper" in Portland, the last leg of the flight that had started in Washington, D.C.

By the time the plane finally set down in Reno several hours later, the man who became known as "D.B. Cooper" was gone, along with \$200,000 in \$20 bills, two parachutes and a briefcase which Cooper told the stewardess contained a bomb.

Somewhere in Southwest Washington, D.B. Cooper had bailed out at 10,000 feet into dark storm clouds and into history. He would remain to this day the only hijacker in the United States ever to escape arrest.

Over the last seven years, the F.B.I. has questioned more than 1,000 possible suspects, chased down thousands of leads and heard from hundreds of people who claim either to be Cooper or to know his whereabouts.

But it took an 8-year-old Vancouver, Wash., boy to uncover the only piece of concrete evidence that Cooper really did bail out into the dense forest of Southwest Washington.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Until Brian Ingram dug up 12 packets of \$20 bills while on a picnic with his family along the Columbia River, law-enforcement officers only assumed D.B. Cooper jumped over Southwest Washington. The plane's recorder showed a "low pressure bump" at 8:11 p.m. near Woodland, and when the plane landed in Reno, the hijacker couldn't be found.

Hundreds of searchers spread out over the area around Woodland, hoping either to find the body or the money or just a piece of the parachute dangling from a tree. Most parachute experts consulted at the time agreed it would be almost impossible for Cooper to survive the plunge.

But within days of the hijacking, the legend of D.B. Cooper started to build. People started to talk about him as a modern-day Robin Hood. They admired the daring, the planning and the execution of the jump.

Slowly but surely, the reports of encounters with Cooper started to come out. A man in Woodland said someone knocked at his back door on November 24 about the time Cooper would have landed, but he didn't answer. Other people started turning in friends who looked like Cooper, in hopes of collecting the \$25,000 reward.

Then the stories started to appear. The now defunct Seattle Flag ran several pages of purported interview with Cooper, and two

Kitsap County men were arrested for selling a fake interview with Cooper to a former contributing editor of Newsweek for \$30,000.

Five months ago, two Tacoma men said they had talked with D.B. Cooper, who, they said, was living in Puyallup. The man told them that the money was buried under a pile of garbage at the Puyallup dump.

Mostly, however, people just have had fun with the D.B. Cooper story. T-shirts with the picture of D.B. Cooper in his sunglasses and bearing the legend, "D.B. Cooper, Where Are You?" became popular, and there even was a song written about him.

The residents of Ariel, Cowlitz County, near where Cooper supposedly bailed out, started holding an annual "D.B. Cooper Day" to commemorate the event. The festival, called the "Cooper Caper," featured buffalo stew and sky divers and attracted more than 800 people. But not, apparently, D.B. Cooper.

As for the two Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who have been on the case since it began, they say they believe D.B. Cooper probably died the night he went

out the plane.

"It is my personal opinion that he is dead," said Joseph O'Connell, who has retired. "He jumped out of a plane at 10,000 feet on a cold, raw night and he jumped in an area densely populated with Douglas fir and ponderosa pine."

Ralph Himmelsbach, Portland F.B.I. agent who is to retire February 29, said he was "delighted" about the money being found. He said the find reduced the chances of Cooper ever being found alive to "less than 50-50."

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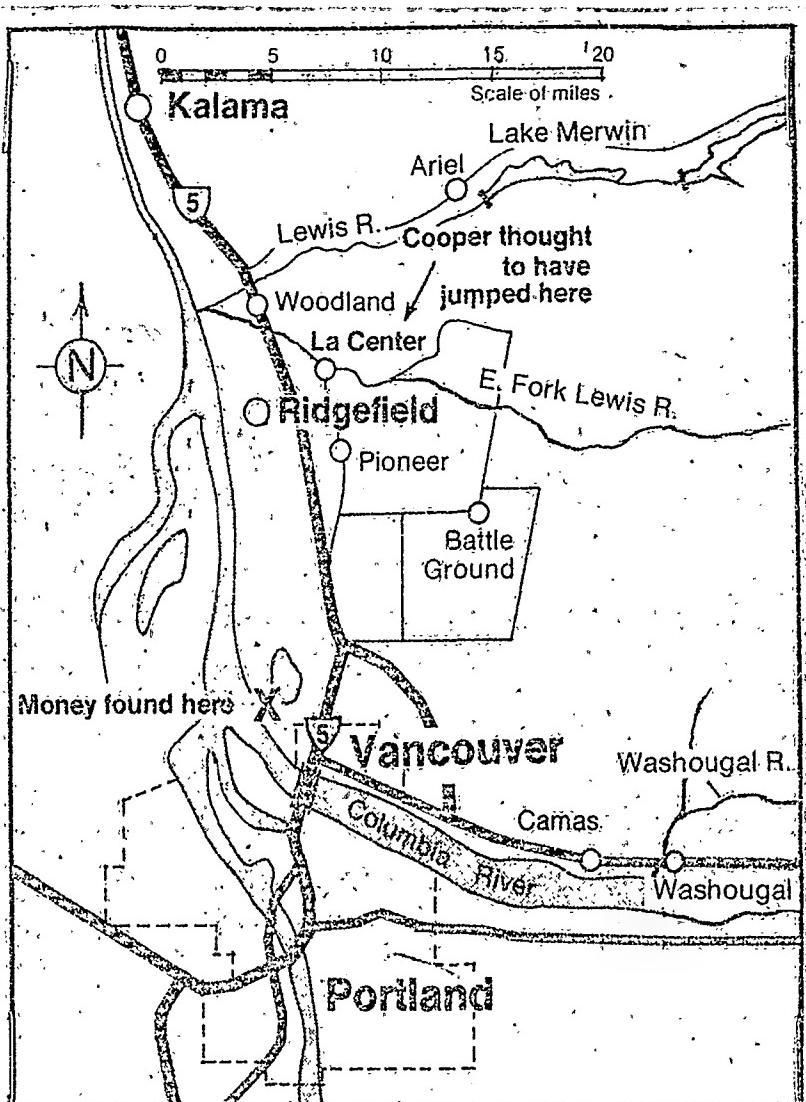
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Staff map by Jacques Rupp

The massive search for more of the D.B. Cooper treasure began along the north bank of the Columbia, about 5 miles west of the Interstate 5 bridge into Portland. F.B.I. and other police agencies are combing the Columbia for several miles upstream looking for more cash and evidence of the parachute landing.

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# Phones 'ringing off the hook'

## at Ariel

by Richard Zahler  
Times staff reporter

ARIEL, Cowlitz County — Not much happens in Ariel, a small logging community 11 miles east of Woodland.

Until a hijacker vanished mysteriously over Southwest Washington more than eight years ago, probably nothing happened in Ariel.

But D.B. Cooper put the town on the map, and yesterday and last night the telephones at the Ariel Store & Tavern were "ringing off the hook" said Dave Fisher, the owner.

Ariel happens to be near Lake Merwin, and a number of theorists suggested that Cooper might have gone into the reservoir behind the Ariel dam.

Since 1976 the Ariel Tavern has hosted an annual D.B. Cooper party on November 24, the anniversary of the hijacking in 1971. Every year 200 to 300 people have shown up to eat buffalo stew and see whether Cooper would answer the standing invitation to join the party.

He never has, of course.

Fisher bought the tavern and the tradition 15 months ago, and until 3:30 yesterday afternoon, "I wasn't expecting a thing tonight. It's pretty dead in winter."

But then the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced in Seattle and Portland that part of \$200,000 given to the hijacker had been found along the banks of the Columbia River near Vancouver.

The moldering money, about \$4,000, was found by a family picnicking along the river north of Portland. A young boy digging in the sandy riverbanks with a stick uncovered the loot.

After that, Fisher said, "It was just like the D.B. Cooper party."

Fisher said he had been on the run answering telephone calls from television-network reporters in New York and newspapers and radio stations all over the West Coast.

Only about 20 or 30 patrons were in the Ariel Tavern last night, and most were paying as much attention to playing pool as to the Cooper talk. A weekly Tuesday-night pool match with the Riverside Tavern in Woodland had been moved to Ariel last night at the request of a Portland television station interested in filming reaction to the discovery of the money.

Fisher and others said they were mystified as to how the money arrived on the banks of the Columbia River, but they still would have to be persuaded that the hijacker didn't survive after he bailed out of the Boeing 727.

"I still think he's alive, until they find some bones," Fisher said.

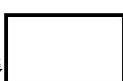
He said the finding could lead to other developments, pointing out that the discovery by the boy was a strange first trace of Cooper after so many years.

Then the telephone rang in the next room, Fisher raced to answer it, laughed and announced, "San Jose calling."

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Searchers comb a Columbia River beach near Vancouver, Wash., yesterday for additional money or clues.

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# More D.B. Cooper cash sought

by Richard Zahler  
and Steve Johnston  
Times staff reporters

VANCOUVER, Wash. — The Federal Bureau of Investigation brought a backhoe and experts in soil, archeology and river currents to a sandy Columbia River beach west of here today to seek more clues into the 8-year-old D.B. Cooper hijacking mystery.

An 8-year-old boy Sunday uncovered on the beach a small part of the \$200,000 the legendary hijacker had strapped to his body when he parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 over Southwestern Washington November 24, 1971.

F.B.I. agents yesterday found more fragments of \$20 bills while digging at the beach. Paul Hudson, the F.B.I.'s on-site coordinator, said the fragments — the size of nickels and quarters — were found as much as 5 feet away from where the money was found Sunday. Some fragments were 3 feet under the surface.

Hudson said the bureau is trying to determine possible ways the money reached the beach. The river recently covered the beach, he said.

Hudson also noted that the Columbia River channel is dredged periodically and sand from the river bottom is pumped on the shore.

"It's possible that it washed up here a period of time ago . . . not 9 years ago but not necessarily recently," Hudson said.



Brian Ingram  
Got scoop on skyjacker

Discovery of the money "probably raises as many questions as it does answers," Hudson said. "In my own mind I can rule out the possibility that (the money) was buried here."

Hudson said whether searchers might find Cooper's remains in the area is "one of the questions we hope to answer today."

The beach is about nine miles west of Vancouver, adjacent to a dairy farm and a popular spot for steelhead fishing. Today a Clark County deputy sheriff was at the

farm gate, turning away fishermen and the curious.

One longtime fisherman, Sidney Tipper, 80, of Vancouver, was admitted to fish. Tipper said, "I've been going up and down this river for 10 years. The money wasn't very deep. If it had been here (a long time) I think we'd have seen it."

The F.B.I. said yesterday it presumes the money had been washed downstream, possibly from a tributary to the Columbia. An Army Engineers hydrologist said that the Washougal River was the only tributary that might have carried the money. The Washougal is the first Washington tributary upstream from Vancouver.

William M. Baker, assistant special agent for the Portland F.B.I. office, said he expected searches would be carried out along the Columbia to the mouth of the Washougal and possibly up the Washougal.

The money recovered Sunday, in three bundles of decomposing \$20 bills, was discovered by Brian Ingram, 8, of Vancouver. The boy

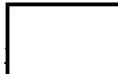
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was on a family picnic, helping build a fire, when he discovered the money. He and his cousin, Denise Ingram, 5, dug it from the sand, about 3 inches down.

"I thought, 'Wow!'" Brian said. "I saw it was money and went over to my parents. They thought it was counterfeit."

The boy's father, Harold D. Ingram, said he called the F.B.I. because "I figured if anybody knew what to do it would be them." He said he did not connect the money with the D.B. Cooper loot.

The money was described as looking like a ball of wet pulp. Agents said there could be anywhere from \$4,000 to \$10,000 in the bundle.

The serial numbers of the bills matched the numbers of the \$200,000 taken by Cooper when he hijacked the plane, which was on a Portland-Seattle flight. The money was put aboard at the Seattle-Tacoma Airport. Cooper jumped out through the 727's rear loading steps somewhere in Southwestern Washington after ordering the pilot to fly to Reno.

Dorwyn Schreuder, an F.B.I. agent in charge of the beach search yesterday, said Cooper probably is not alive today. "If he were, I think he'd be with his money," Schreuder said.

One earlier F.B.I. theory was that Cooper fell to his death in Lake Merwyn on the Lewis River. However, the Lewis River enters the Columbia downstream from where the money was found.

Baker said he believes rewards offered in the D.B. Cooper case have expired. "But if there was a reward," Baker said, "I certainly would recommend that the Ingams get it."

The discovery was the first major break for the F.B.I. in the hijacking. The hijacking was the first of its kind and the only one that remains to be solved.



A.P. photo

Harold and Patricia Ingram of Vancouver, Wash., sit with several thousand dollars the Federal Bureau of Investigation says was paid to the legendary hi-

jacker, "D.B. Cooper." The couple's son, Brian, found the money on a family picnic Sunday.

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Columbia's tributaries would be useful."

The Washougal River flows into the Columbia below the money site, and its origins are deep in the woods over which Cooper is believed to have jumped.

However, Williams noted, the Columbia is frequently dredged and often floods where the money was found, so the situation could be very confused.

Pringle said Cooper jumped with the money tied around his waist, and he said he believed "it was in a bag which would have deteriorated over this length of time."

He said a major objective of the search going on now is to find some other object that is connected to Cooper.

"We could find bones, or a piece of parachute," he said. "Nylon does not deteriorate rapidly."

Agents using spades and rakes have discovered a few more pieces of \$20 bills, about the size of nickels and dimes, according to the FBI. The new discoveries were made within a three-foot radius of the original finding.

"We are planning to bring in some heavy equipment tomorrow to speed things up," Williams said. "The problem when you dig up a spadeful of sand is, what do you do with the sand?"

In Ariel, meanwhile, tavern owner Dave Fisher said the little town will go on with plans for its annual "D. B. Cooper party" at his Ariel Store & Tavern this Nov. 24.

"You know, if they had found the body," he said, "we were planning some sort of a memorial party."

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# FBI: Cooper likely dead man

By KERRY WEBSTER  
INT Staff Writer

It's more likely than ever that the legendary D. B. Cooper is just a grinning skeleton in a nylon shroud, say FBI agents raking the sand for the last of his mouldering stash.

"The discovery of the money adds credence to the theory that he probably did not survive the jump," said Bill Williams, a special agent in Portland.

On the north bank of the Columbia River today, more than 30 FBI agents worked behind a cordon of armed sheriff's deputies, spading over every square foot of sand along 150 feet of shoreline.

The site is where eight-year-old Brian Ingram of Vancouver, digging idly in the sand with a stick on Sunday, turned up a sodden wad of \$20 bills.

Serial numbers on the money — 12 stacks of twenties, still in their bank wrappings — matched some of those given to "Dan Cooper" when he hijacked Northwest Airlines Flight 305 on Thanksgiving Eve, 1971.

Flourishing what looked like a stick of dynamite, "Cooper" ordered the plane to fly from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to Reno, Nev., after first demanding \$200,000 and four parachutes.

The Boeing 727's flight recorder indicated that he jumped from the plane's lowered rear stairwell somewhere near Ariel, a tiny logging town in Southwest Washington.

No trace of Cooper or the hijacking loot had shown up in the past nine years. The mysterious air pirate in that time has become a cult figure, with sweatshirts, bumperstickers and endless pulp-magazine stories dedicated to the exploit.

FBI agents, who have been the butt of D. B. Cooper jokes for nine years, did not conceal a certain grim satisfaction when they announced the finding of the money in Seattle and Portland press conferences yesterday.

The fact that the money appears to have washed up on the riverbank, rather than having been purposely buried there, increases the chances that Cooper is dead.

"There is no way we can tell if he is dead or alive," said John Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the Seattle office. "We only know that if he is alive, he doesn't have this money."

The site of the find is about nine miles downriver from the Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia between Portland and Vancouver. Young Ingram made the discovery while picnicking with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram.

The elder Ingram told reporters yesterday he was preparing to build a fire when his son "ran up and said, 'Wait a minute, Daddy.' He raked a place out in the sand, and there it was."

Ingram told The Associated Press he didn't even consider spending the money, because it looked so badly deteriorated.

The decomposed money was being sent today to the FBI crime lab in Washington, D.C., for examination. Pringle said there is a possibility that mud and soil deposited in the bundles may give a clue as to where they were washed from.

"We're going to be doing some study of tide tables and flood records, also," added Portland agent Williams today. "That'll tell us whether examining any of the

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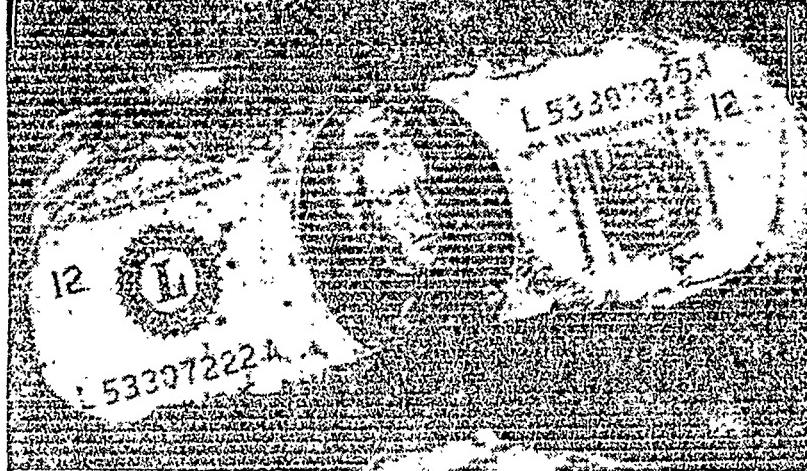
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# and the banks of the Columbia



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## D.B.'s loot found

Part of the money paid to D. B. Cooper, the legendary skyjacker, was shown during an FBI news conference yesterday. FBI officials said several thousand dollars of the \$200,000 ransom Cooper received in 1971 had been found on a Columbia River sandbar five miles north of Vancouver, Wash. A picnicking family found the soaked cache while looking for firewood. Cooper, who parachuted from a 727 airliner, has never been found.

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# Pickings are slim in Cooper treasure hunt

by Richard Zahler  
and Steve Johnston  
Times staff reporters

Federal Bureau of Investigation treasure hunters returned to a cold and sandy Columbia River beach downstream from Vancouver, Wash., today seeking more clues to the eight-year-old D.B. Cooper skyjacking mystery.

The F.B.I. mixed a little science and technology with a lot of old-fashioned elbow grease yesterday in continued digging at the beach. Agents continued to find scraps of \$20 bills in the area where a picnicking Vancouver family found three bundles of money Sunday.

Through serial numbers, those decomposed bundles of bills have been identified as "several thousand dollars" of the \$200,000 given to the man who hijacked a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 in November, 1971, then parachuted from the jet with his loot. The F.B.I. believes he jumped somewhere in the vicinity of LaCenter, about 25 miles northeast of the beach where the money was found.

Yesterday's search, aided by a backhoe and advice from a Portland State University geologist, provided no clues how the money got to the beach or where it has been since the hijacking.

F.B.I. agents said the money still was packaged in the same order as it was given to the hijacker. The geologist said the money probably had been there for less than two years.

Kenneth Moore, a Seattle F.B.I. agent assigned to the case, said, "One reason for conducting an exhaustive search of this area would be to find other indications of what happened — pieces of clothing, pieces of bag, pieces of parachute or human remains, which in this case would be only bones."

The beach area is 7½ miles northwest of Vancouver on a stretch of shoreline used heavily by fishermen and lined with industrial plants and farms.

Moore and other agents said it would be just speculation to suggest that Cooper might have come down near the Columbia River beach, or that the search site might give any clue besides additional pieces of money. The round shape of the wads of money suggested that the cash could have tumbled along the river bed, agents said.

The farmers who own the shoreland, Al and Richard Fazio, said the place where the money was found is periodically underwater during high river runoff, like last week.

Moore said the currency might have been pumped on the beach during the dredging, but that was doubted by Dr. Leonard Palmer, Portland State geologist.

Palmer said the scraps of money had been found in looser sand, not in dredging spoils. The river last was dredged there in 1974.

Moore said the meager evidence suggests the hijacker "may have landed in the water, although not necessarily the Columbia."

Speculation that Cooper could have dropped into Lake Merwin, a reservoir on the Lewis River, was replaced this week by speculation he could have landed in the Washougal River watershed. The Lewis River enters downstream from the search area, the Washougal upstream from Vancouver.

But Moore said there were no plans to search upriver "unless evidence leads us to a more specific area."

Small pieces of currency were found yesterday in scattered places as they combed through sand several hundred feet downstream from Sunday's discovery site.

Other fragments showed up as agents shoveled sand through wire screens around the main site. The largest piece discovered yesterday was about the size of a stick of chewing gum. It was several layers thick.

Moore said the new fragments may once have been part of the destroyed bundles discovered Sunday.

Although there were several rewards offered for the discovery of the money or the arrest of D.B. Cooper, federal agents said it looked as if the Harold Ingram family is out of luck. Ingram's son, Brian, 8, uncovered the money.

"As far as I know, all reward offers have been canceled," a Portland F.B.I. agent, Bill Williams, said.

Roy Erickson, a spokesman for Northwest Orient in St. Louis, said the airline had settled with its insurance company, Globe of New York, several years ago and received \$180,000.

"Our loss was covered by our insurance and so we are out of the situation now," he said.

Ralph Himmelsbach, a Portland F.B.I. agent who has worked on the D.B. Cooper case since 1971, said the finding of the money gave him "a certain sense of satisfaction," the Associated Press reported.

"The case isn't solved," Himmelsbach said, "but this is certainly a major milestone."

"So we know at least that he (Cooper) never spent this money, and we know that none of the money he was given has ever turned up in circulation."

Himmelsbach said Cooper's skeleton probably never will be found if it is in the forested mountain area where he is supposed to have landed.

"Unlike the money, Cooper is biodegradable," Himmelsbach said.

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## FBI Halts Search For Cooper Clues & Loot

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FBI agents yesterday called off their search on a sandy beach of the Columbia River west of Vancouver for more evidence of D.B. Cooper and the \$200,000 he carried when he parachuted from a skyjacked airliner in November 1971.

"When the agents get back here next week, we'll discuss what direction to take next," said Jack Pringle, an FBI agent in Seattle.

One partly decomposed bundle of marked \$20 bills from the Cooper loot was found Sunday by a family picnicking beside the river nine miles below Vancouver.

It probably will be at least a week before the FBI laboratory in Washington, D.C., will report on how much money was found, said Bill Williams, of the FBI office in Portland, Ore., whose agents dug and sifted the sand earlier this week.

Cooper is believed to have parachuted over Lake Merwin in Cowlitz County. No trace of him or the money

is known to have been found until the discovery Sunday.

Williams said yesterday that Leonard Palmer, a geologist at Portland State University, concluded that the money drifted onto the river bank sometime after August 1974. The money lay in sand on top of spoil from a dredging operation that was conducted that month, Palmer told the FBI.

Pringle said that sooner or later the recovered money will be returned to its owner.

"We don't know who that is and it's not up to us to determine," he said. "It might be that a court will have to decide."

The \$200,000 was delivered to Cooper aboard a Northwest Airline plane in Seattle after he skyjacked it.

Brent Baskfield, a Northwest public relations officer in St. Paul, Minn., said Northwest paid the money but has been reimbursed for most of it by The Globe Insurance Co. in New York City.

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# How it all started

On Nov. 24, 1971, a calm, middle-age man calling himself Dan Cooper bought a ticket for a Northwest Airlines flight to Seattle.

Shortly after takeoff, he handed a note to stewardess Florence Schaffner.

Thinking the man was trying to "hustle" her, she stuffed the note in her purse, but he motioned for her to read it.

The note said he had a bomb, and wanted to go to Mexico.

While the jet circled Seattle before landing, the skyjacker also ordered that \$200,000 cash and four parachutes be brought to the plane.

The airline agreed, 36 passengers and part of the crew were allowed to leave, and the plane took off with the man and his ransom.

As it flew south, the rear airstair was lowered, and minutes later the plane reacted in a manner that convinced the crew that the skyjacker had bailed out somewhere in the Lewis River-Lake Merwin area east of Woodland.

Thus began the legend of D.B. Cooper (the name Dan Cooper somehow got lost in news media accounts of the incident.)

Cooper has never been found, but interest in the case is still strong, and flared Tuesday when the FBI announced a Vancouver family had found several thousand dollars of the ransom money on a Columbia River beach northwest of Vancouver.

Several stories about the case appear in today's issue of *The Daily News*.

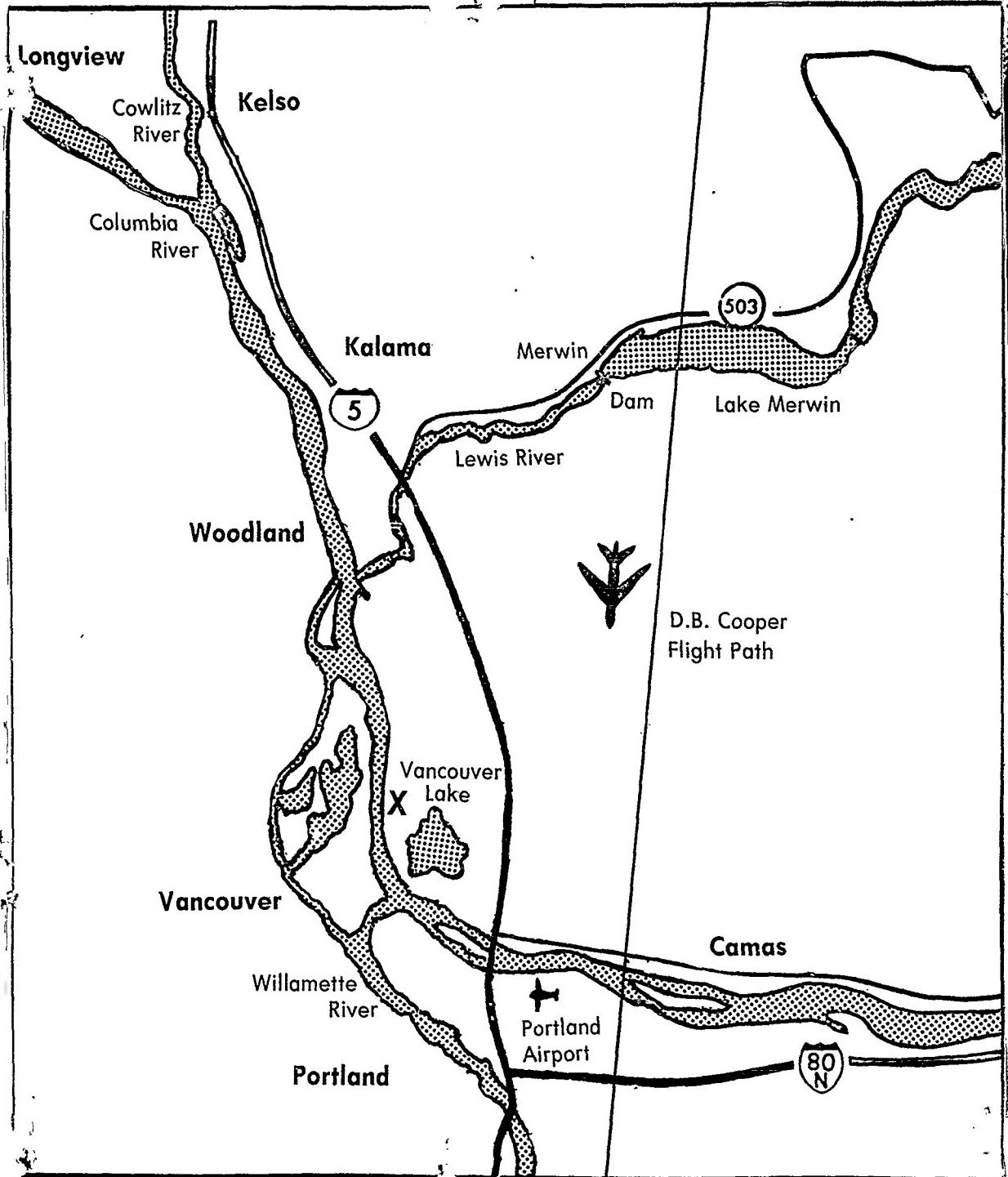
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# Beach residents groan

By Donna duBeth  
The Daily News

The handful of residents who live along the beach where part of D.B. Cooper's loot was found Sunday are kicking themselves for not building more sand castles.

They also wonder whether they should have paid more attention to the sand dredging operations along the beach.

Tina Bar is a stretch of sandy beach on the Washington side of the Columbia River northwest of Vancouver. The lonely country road that winds along the beach, Lower River Road, dead-ends about three miles from where a Vancouver family found about \$3,000 beneath the sand Sunday while on a picnic. Rabbits bounce on the side of the road at night, startled by occasional passing cars.

Less than 10 houses are along the 12-mile stretch of beach road. Most of the land belongs to large dairy farms. The Fazio Bros. Sand Co. also fronts the river. A road leading through the Fazio gate is a popular path to the beach. It is the same path used by the family the day they found the money. On the east side of Fazio Bros. is Leeward Isle Marina, with a public fishing boat launch and one or two house boats.

During fishing season, the beach is packed from end to end, say local residents Clarence and Barbara Ellis. They have lived in their mobile home just down the road from Fazio Bros. for the past 30 years.

Every day Clarence takes his outboard skiff along Tina Bar patrolling the river and the beach for renegade logs that could damage other boats.

Ellis says that the Army Corps of Engineers continuously dredges sand directly off the shore from where the money was found.

"I betcha that dredging brought that money up and

most of it's been destroyed by the dredging," he said. "Even the FBI is going to be able to figure that one out."

Today a spokesman for the Army Engineers said they were working closely with the FBI, checking out that lead. The sand sucked up from the bottom of the river and spewed onto the beach could have contained some or all of the long-sought money. While the dredging is continuous, the last time sand was deposited in that spot was in October 1974.

Another resident of the area said that the money was found too far from the water to have washed up. "It had to be the dredging. Maybe I'll go get me a shovel," said Mrs. J.W. Freeman.

The FBI dug all day Tuesday, finding bits and pieces of \$20 bills. An agent guarding the site Tuesday evening said the amount they found during the day was less than the \$3,000 originally dug up.

Tuesday night the Ellis family sat in their home decorated with fishing gear and large plants, amazed that some of the D.B. Cooper money was showing up on the same beach their children grew up on.

"To think I worked like a slave all my life and here this money was right in my front yard," said Ellis. "When I think of the times my kids took the four-wheel drive right over that spot. I mean that's our beach. It belongs to the people we lease from and that's the beach we use."

His wife, Barbara, said she felt "kinda sick" not finding it. But she added that she would have turned it in. "Somebody could have lost it," she said.

The beach property actually belongs to the Hans Egger family of Vancouver. A baby sitter at the home said the Eggers were on vacation in California. They learned the money had been found on their property when they listened to a television newscast Tuesday night.

"They were shocked," said the baby sitter.

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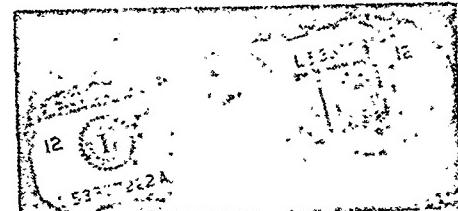
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FBI agents Tuesday sifted sand on a beach northwest of Vancouver looking for more of the D.B. Cooper loot



Brian Ingram, 8, and his parents, H. Dwayne and Patricia, found a decomposing stack of \$20 bills skyjacker D.B. Cooper carried

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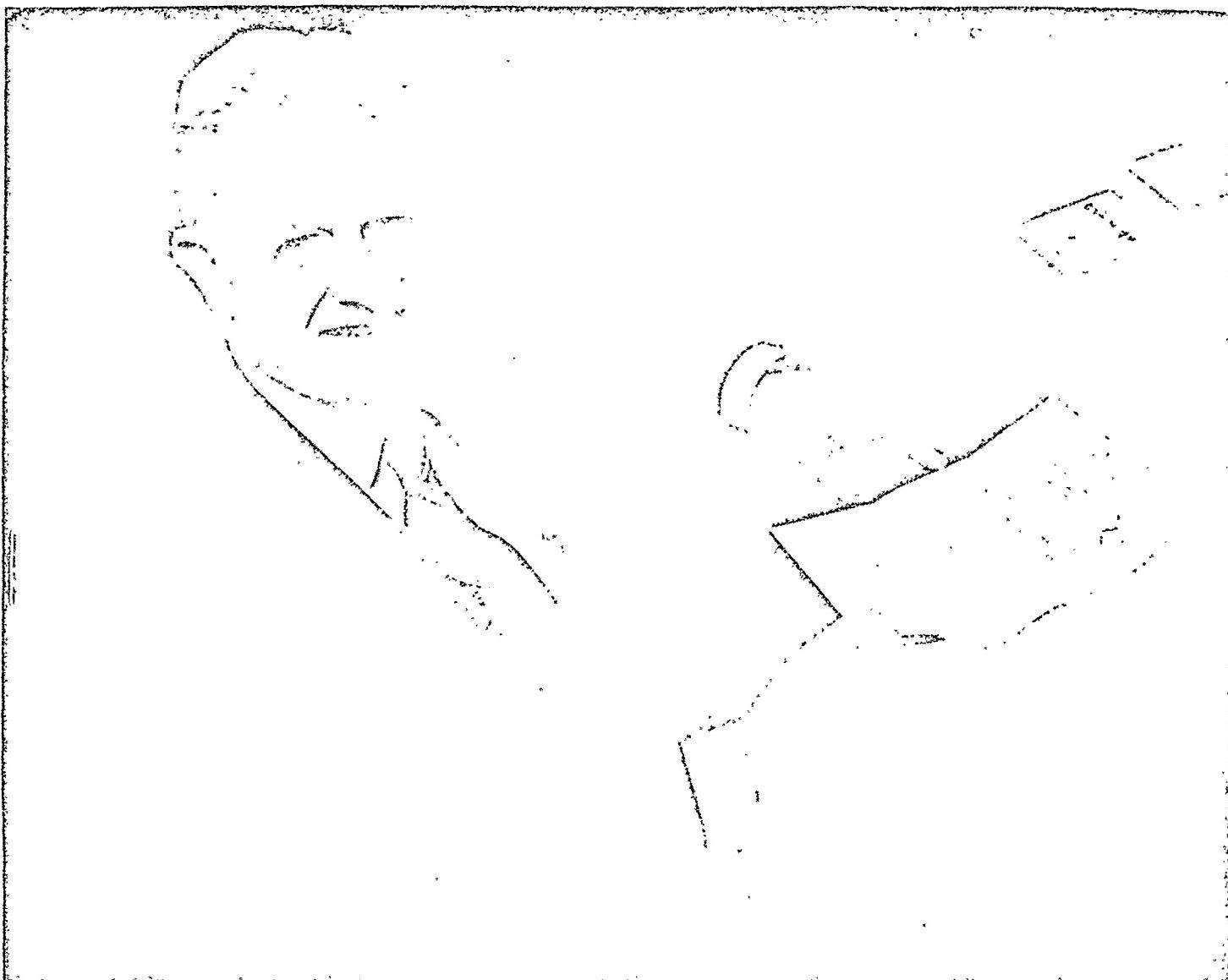
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# Boy beats FBI to Cooper loot

## FBI agents digging in search of more clues

By Bud May  
The Daily News

PORTLAND — An 8-year-old boy accomplished with a sweep of his hand Sunday something the FBI has been trying to do for more than eight years.

Brian Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dwayne Ingram of Vancouver, provided the first major breakthrough in the D.B. Cooper skyjacking case when he accidentally uncovered part of the \$200,000 ransom Cooper had when he bailed out of a Northwest Airlines jet in the Lewis River area on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24, 1971.

The FBI said Tuesday the discovery of more than \$3,000 in badly deteriorated \$20 bills was made Sunday while the Ingram family was on an outing on a Columbia River beach about five miles northwest of Vancouver on the Washington side.

Meantime, the FBI is conducting an intensive grid search of the beach area where the money was found. Agents reported finding bits and pieces of money Tuesday afternoon, some of it as deep as three feet in sand.

However, the pieces were so small it was not possible to determine the amount of money.

A U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hydrologist, George Holmes, said he would review information about where the hijacker jumped in relation to where the money was found.

He said the Washougal River was the only Columbia tributary that might have carried the cash, and even that is a remote possibility.

Not everyone shares that opinion.

Some experts feel that because of the Columbia's currents, the money could have come from the Lewis River and washed upstream.

The FBI has also contacted the Army Engineers, which continuously dredges sand in that area, on the chance that dredging brought the money up from the bottom of the river. A spokesman for the Army Engineers said today that it is a definite possibility. While they constantly dredge in that area, the last time they deposited the dredged sand on that beach was in October 1974.

Agents said the money, in bundles, without question is part of that given the man known as Cooper.

"The packaging and numbered sequence indicate the bills have not been separated and are in much the same order as when given to the hijacker," explained Bill Baker, assistant agent in charge at the Portland office.

Baker could not say whether the Ingram family will get a reward, since the FBI can not offer one, but he indicated there is a good possibility that the airline or another source would provide one.

The elder Ingram and his wife, Patricia, told dozens of news media people at a press conference in the Portland FBI Office Tuesday how

the money was found.

"I was about to build a fire on the beach," said Ingram, "and had my arms full, but before I could set it down, my son said, 'Wait a minute daddy.' He scooped off some sand, and this money rolled to the top."

A UPI reporter who talked with the family Tuesday said Brian and his 5-year-old cousin, Denise Ingram, shouted, "Look! It's money that we found!"

The Ingmans said they didn't connect the money to the Cooper case at the time, but realized it must be important to someone, so they notified the Portland FBI Office of the find.

Asked by a reporter why he contacted the FBI instead of local authorities, Ingram responded, "Because I figured if I turned it over to police, I would never see it again."

He didn't elaborate on that remark, but continued to answer questions from newspaper, television and radio reporters.

Asked if he considered keeping the money, Ingram laughingly replied, "No, it looked in such bad shape I didn't think I could spend it."

Ingram said the money, which was displayed for reporters on a table at the press conference, was about 20 yards from the edge of the river, but was very wet.

Because of the poor condition of the bills, the exact amount of recovered money is unknown, pending laboratory examination, the FBI said.

While FBI agents seem ecstatic about the discovery, they are quick to point out that approximately \$197,000 is still missing, and what happened to Cooper himself is just as much a mystery as before the find.

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# The Loot Reveals New Clues to the Fate of D.B.

By John O'Ryan

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Eight FBI agents digging on a Columbia River beach in a snowstorm found no more of D.B. Cooper's hijack ransom yesterday, but they revealed new clues to the fate of the legendary parachutist.

Special agent Ken Moore of Seattle, in charge of the digging, said a geologist's report indicates that the money which has been found drifted up on this beach within the past two years.

Furthermore, Moore said as he warmed himself by a campfire during

a respite from the frigid digging, the money came downstream, and probably reached the Columbia from the Washougal River, or one of several smaller streams which enter the big river above here.

It isn't likely, he said, that the money came upstream, with tidal currents, from the Lewis River — which drains Lake Merwin, where Cooper has long been thought to have perished.

Moore thought for a few moments, then said:

"Tourists who want to look for more Cooper money probably should

look on the Washougal River."

All of which indicates that Cooper, with \$200,000 in a canvas suitcase strapped to his body, jumped from a Northwest Airlines Boeing 727 a little southeast of the point originally estimated by the FBI.

He apparently landed southeast of Lake Merwin which is just off I-5 near Woodland, in the drainage of the Washougal River, or nearby streams, in hilly, wooded country.

"There is nothing infallible about our original estimate of where he landed," said John Pringle, assistant special agent in charge of the Seattle

office.

"Because of strong wind currents, and other variables, we could have been a little off in our original estimates."

According to Pringle, only one money bundle from the \$200,000 hijack ransom was found on this beach nine miles downstream from the bridge over the Columbia River at Vancouver.

But since Cooper had all of his money in one canvas container, according to Moore, if any of the money is scattered — all of it is likely to be scattered.

Cooper, whose real identity has never been learned, literally dropped out of sight the night he plunged from the airliner. He had collected his hijack loot in Seattle — bundles of money wrapped in a package six inches high, one foot across, and about 18 inches long — later stuffed into a bag tied to his waist.

No trace was found of Cooper or his money until a family picnicking on this north bank of the Columbia, on property owned by the Fazio Brothers Sand Co. and dairy cow farm, found tattered bills three to six inches deep in the sand.

It was "Seattle day" at the FBI diggings on the Columbia River yesterday. The previous day, 10 FBI agents from the Portland bureau carried out the digging.

Yesterday, eight agents from the

Seattle bureau were hard at work. The beach is roped off, and a Clark County sheriff's car was parked at the entrance to the Fazio property to keep the public out.

Sand was piled around the original money discovery area, because the FBI had been using a backhoe to excavate there. Agents were working yesterday with shovels and rakes.

Moore said a Portland State University Geologist is the one who determined that the money had floated onto the beach within the last two years.

This, Moore said, was based on a determination that there is only about six to eight inches of sand on this beach, and beneath it is a clay that was placed here by a channel dredging project carried out in 1974.

The clay, he said, appears "undisturbed," but the sand contains soft-drink containers and other debris from picnickers. It appears to be of recent origin, and the money was found only about three to six inches deep in it.

Moore said the Army Corps of Engineers had scuttled the theory that the money had drifted upstream with tidal currents from the mouth of the Lewis River, which enters the Columbia downstream from here.

"I talked to the engineers, and they said that it is most unlikely that anything drifted upstream against the current," Moore said.

If no more money is found, the FBI's digging on the beach will end today, Moore said.

But he expressed the belief that the departure of the FBI will not end the sifting through this strip of sand.

"After we leave, probably 2,500 people will digging here the next day," he said.

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Most agents believe he died in the jump, and their views are strengthened by the fact that the bills found Sunday were unseparated. In addition, none of the ransom money has ever turned up elsewhere in the more than eight years since the skyjacking.

Ralph Himmelsbach, an agent associated with the case from the beginning, is among those who believe the skyjacker died, and may never be found.

"I originally thought he had a 50-50 chance of survival. I later modified my own opinion, and believe he had substantially less chance than that.

Himmelsbach, who retires at the end of this month, is also a pilot. He flew over the suspected bailout area the day after the incident, and later was assigned to follow up leads received by the Portland office.

He said, he is delighted by the discovery of the money, and hopes more evidence will be found.

While his retirement means an end to his involvement in the investigation, Himmelsbach said he will always maintain a keen interest in the case.

"We've put an awful lot of work into it," he said.

## FBI ending hunt for Cooper cash

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — The search along a Columbia River beach for more money from the D.B. Cooper hijacking eight years ago probably will be suspended after today, FBI officials said Thursday.

Meanwhile, a geologist concluded that several thousand dollars found Sunday by an 8-year-old boy on a family picnic was deposited on the beach in the past year or two.

FBI agents continued to dig for more of the \$200,000 that Cooper took with him when he bailed out of a plane on Thanksgiving Eve in 1971.

The search began Tuesday along the river's north shore, about three miles southwest of downtown Vancouver. Additional scraps of money were found on Wednesday.

A man whose passenger list was signed "Dan Cooper" left a Northwest Airlines plane that was bound for Reno, Nev., from Seattle after he displayed what appeared to be a bomb and obtained a package of \$20 bills and three parachutes.

FBI agents believed he left the plane, during a storm, about 20 miles northeast of where the crumpled and weathered bills were found.

It is the nation's only unsolved hijacking.

"We'll work today and tomorrow and probably knock it off and bring my troops back up here and reassess the situation," said Jack Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the Seattle office which took over the search operations.

"Some of the area is inaccessible and there's no way we can search the whole river," Pringle said.

He said geologist Leonard Palmer of Portland State University concluded that the dredging operation in 1974 did not put the money onto the beach, because the bills were found above clay deposits put on the banks by the dredge.

Brian Ingram, when scooping out a place for a campfire, found the money, tied together by rubber bands in three clumps, under a thin layer of sand.

The bills were matched to the Cooper loot by serial numbers.

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The employee of [redacted]

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In Spring California were associated with  
these persons -

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1 [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] ex El Rancho Drive Inn  
 El Centro California - [REDACTED] Theater.

A aboard is 1 year old Latin American  
 Tall dark, handsome - very personable - had a  
 W W #2. Veteran. A Parachute jumper  
 with U.S. Infantry. Born in [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] who became a [REDACTED]

In "For Cenfes Sector - Post W W #2.

He was captured during [REDACTED], still living [REDACTED]  
 in the Soz Cenfes Sector under [REDACTED]

2 [REDACTED] -  
 A Blond, about 3/1 year old -  
(dark)  
 Ex - Army [REDACTED] - had parachute b6  
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 from U.S. Army - C Reserve Army  
 [REDACTED] who had also [REDACTED].  
 [REDACTED] - for large commercial  
 companies -

Latin American Companies -

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#2 Person

This Ex-Army

looked exactly

like cell photos of "D. B. Cooper as Brown  
By a newspaper article, etc.

My description was as follows:

- (W.M.)
- 1 - Height about 6' 1  $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall.
  - 2 - Weight about 175 lbs.
  - 3 - Color Sandy Blond - dark Blue eyes  
at the time - deeply tanned skin - very neat  
dressed
  - 4 - features - High narrow forehead -  
long facial structures - A so. no former  
jaw - had Broad but narrow nose.  
It was more narrow than Broad Bed &  
good Nailed well structured like never before.  
less -
  - 5 - He smoked a pipe continuously
  - 6 - Was soft spoken in well modulated  
and strong masculine voice.
  - 7 - Very agreeable and pleasant personality -  
not pushy - But articulate - when  
called upon -

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8. And seemed to respond to my aid & help  
orders.

9. [redacted] Dark  
[redacted] -  
[redacted] very pleasant etc [redacted]

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10. They drove a [redacted]  
She also worked in [redacted] recently in El Centro.  
[redacted] (1) [redacted]

11. Now, I've given this extremely pernicious  
Army [redacted] great draft - would he  
be involved in the form of ransom.  
And would he have the nerve?

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12. My reply - yes! - He had the central  
the drive and the elegant living desire  
of Army [redacted] income of \$2000 -  
now reduced to every day living,  
last of Port W # 2 in 1950  
He was trying then to re-enlist  
for new Army service Pre-Korean War  
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I say E. [redacted] -? Looper? - ap El  
Rancho Drive - in theater Jan. March 1950  
is a logical suspect for the - that Ransom  
and pledge from a 727 in darkness during  
a storm in the lower Cascades of Washington  
state.

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[redacted] of Los Angeles, our  
Employed by [redacted] of Palm  
Spring - and associates.

Too many times I listened to these two affable  
Gentlemen discuss their persecuted activities  
during World War # 2.

[redacted] "The Reason they

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selected us of darker skins - was because our  
white faces did not show up in recon photos

while dropping in the furos up ? Each Africa

One forgotten -

now I present my case before the

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fact - There is an ingredient one can take internally to darken skin - Inveigle. Black skinned persons have used these drugs to color their skin in order to penetrate - The Black peoples fact. fact

So take an individual like my Ex-Army

[redacted] guy W.W#2 - parochialist - Czech

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not overly ambitious who did work in Service Stations in So Central California during January - March - April Aug 1950?

You take his slow easy outwardly - kind of personality - forever seeking on a pipe stem - an inveterate pipe smoker -

and who shared great empathy with African

Born. Ex parochialist -

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of S. Army W.W#2 - you have here a powerful - knowledgeable combination of

(1) men - skilled - ambitious and daring enough to pull off the "D. B." Cooper Kidnapping!

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I can't help them eagerly discussing their crime and Parachuting experiences of W.W. II.

But I've tried all these years and cannot get a handle on <sup>"D.B." Cooper</sup> Don Cooper - unless that was his real name! Don Cooper. So your lone clue is to locate one.

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[redacted] - American Born Mexican

American - [redacted] by Fox Cuges whom you can locate through - Film Service Rentals by Fox Cuges - Their Chief - Releasing Artists for all theaters within the Los Angeles - Imperial Counties Theater Management. See [redacted] for his memory back to [redacted] and [redacted]. No relation who [redacted]

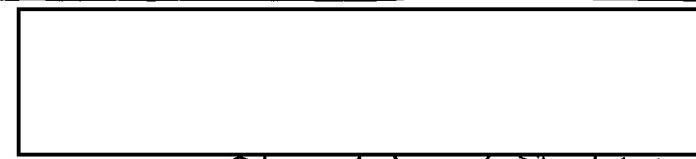
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The El Rancho Diner - in Theaters of El Centro California - and back up whom at that point in time resided in Palm Springs California.

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help... I took so long in coming up with  
[redacted]

[redacted] name is Hughes - Beet

He was simply a Flesh until last week.

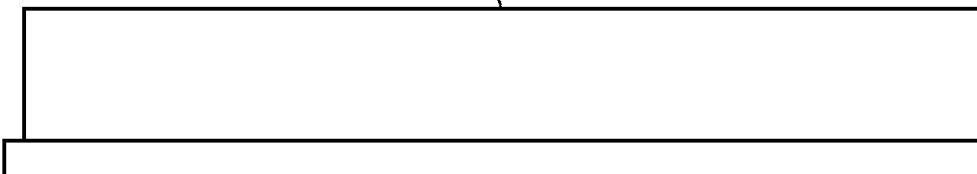
"D. B." Cooper ? Don Cooper ? I believe  
he is the real name e.g. Hugh suggested See peel.  
Beet "D. B." Cooper ring to Bells over me.

You see? As  
[redacted]

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[redacted] "Don Cooper" was personally  
selected by me as an Excellent Employee.  
Prospect. To work for the El Rancho Motel - San  
Antonio January 1950.

Of course, I do not know if this what in the  
dark can help. I can only hope it will.  
most cordially



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[redacted] week a story

out how in Frontier Times - March 1980 -

and January 1980 - Hoof & Horn also World of  
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Federal Department of T. R. I.  
1065 Block Second Ave. North.  
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Re: "D. B. Cooper  
Case - Kidnapping

Dear [redacted]

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In 1950. I worked as an [redacted]

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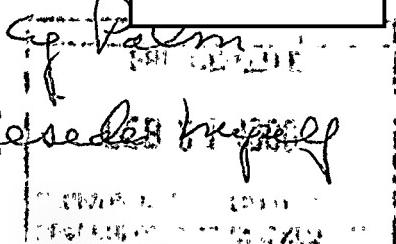
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On [redacted]

the Employee of [redacted]

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Spring California were requested myself  
These Persons. -



# FBI ending hunt for Cooper cash

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — The search along a Columbia River beach for more money from the D.B. Cooper hijacking eight years ago probably will be suspended after today, FBI officials said Thursday.

Meanwhile, a geologist concluded that several thousand dollars found Sunday by an 8-year-old boy on a family picnic was deposited on the beach in the past year or two.

FBI agents continued to dig for more of the \$200,000 that Cooper took with him when he bailed out of a plane on Thanksgiving Eve in 1971.

The search began Tuesday along the river's north shore, about three miles southwest of downtown Vancouver. Additional scraps of money were found on Wednesday.

A man whose passenger list was signed "Dan Cooper" left a Northwest Airlines plane that was bound for Reno, Nev., from Seattle after he displayed what appeared to be a bomb and obtained a package of \$20 bills and three parachutes.

FBI agents believed he left the plane, during a storm, about 20 miles northeast of where the crumpled and weathered bills were found.

It is the nation's only unsolved hijacking.

"We'll work today and tomorrow and probably knock it off and bring my troops back up here and reassess the situation," said Jack Pringle, assistant agent in charge of the Seattle office which took over the search operations.

"Some of the area is inaccessible and there's no way we can search the whole river," Pringle said.

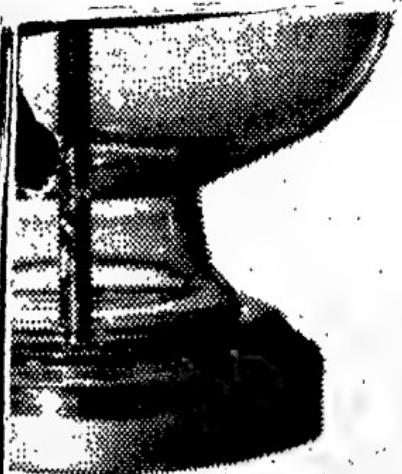
He said geologist Leonard Palmer of Portland State University concluded that the dredging operation in 1974 did not put the money onto the beach, because the bills were found above clay deposits put on the banks by the dredge.

Brian Ingram, when scooping out a place for a campfire, found the money, tied together by rubber bands in three clumps, under a thin layer of sand.

The bills were matched to the Cooper loot by serial numbers.

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OO: Seattle

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Dear Sir -

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Am enclosing a photo  
of my helicopter pilot that flew  
me on a flight over the Seattle  
Fair in 1962 or '63 from the top of  
a building at the Fair grounds in Seattle.  
The peculiar thing about this  
pilot. He did not want his  
picture taken. Also his similarity  
to the artist sketches of the hijacker  
that has been in the news lately

Am enclosing stamp for  
return of same, if you don't need  
it.

Resp. yours

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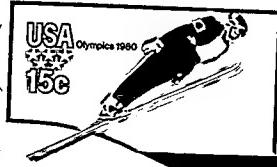
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*Subs: g, M, R*

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We would appreciate being kept advised of what recovery is or has been made.

Very truly yours,

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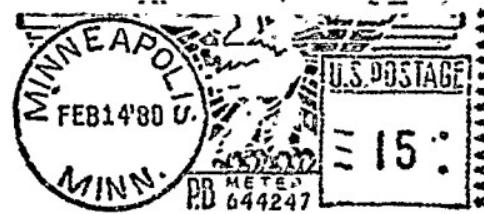
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RE: NORJAK

OO: Seattle

REMARKS:

Enclosed is letter from the  
Law Offices of [redacted]  
Minneapolis, Minnesota, dated 2/14/80 b6  
which was forwarded to the Portland Office. b7c  
You may wish to coordinate requests for  
recovered money by Northwest Airlines and  
Globe Indemnity Company and correspond  
with them accordingly.

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## Dan Cooper bill not given to boy

Brian Ingram, the 8-year-old Vancouver, Wash., boy who discovered some of the Dan Cooper skyjacking ransom last week, was not given one of the deteriorated bills, as was reported Tuesday in some editions of The Oregonian.

The boy actually was given a \$20 bill made to look like one of the tattered bills, in addition to a certificate praising him for his find. Both items came from the Hough Elementary School PTA.

Meanwhile in Washington, D.C., FBI laboratory technicians have been unable to determine how much money was in the three bundles of Cooper's recovered as a result of young Ingram's find.

"The \$20 bills were so badly deteriorated that we have been unable to count it," said FBI spokesman Otis Cox. He said no fingerprints were found on the bills.

The bills were identified as part of Cooper's \$200,000 by their serial numbers.

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Mr. William Baker  
Special Agent in Charge  
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RE: Unsub, D.B.Cooper  
Hi-Jacking, 11-Nov. 1971

Dear Mr. Baker:

The writer, retired Sp.Agt [redacted] was assigned to Portland Div. 1944-47,  
serving as an RA at Medford & Klamath Falls in 1946-47.

The following is submitted concerning a subject of a case the writer came in  
contact with in Oregon in late 1945 who could have some of the physical appearance  
of drawings of captioned UNSUB as well as mentality and guts to pull such an act.  
This is submitted from past recollection-as I realize -most remote possibility.

One, [redacted] in 1945 [redacted]  
[redacted] in which Portland was origin. At the time he was in his 20's .  
He had been [redacted] Oregon in  
[redacted] Washington, as I recall. He was [redacted]

[redacted] at Seattle, Washington, [redacted] relative  
to [redacted] in that State. Investigation revealed [redacted]

During interview with [redacted] in late 1945 at the [redacted], Portland,  
Oregon, he [redacted]

During examination of personal possessions of [redacted] which were recovered by the  
Oregon State Police, it was noted he had a pilot's log book-indicating airtime flights  
in Dallas, Texas area. The Bureau on review of the [redacted]

On the [redacted] in  
Portland, and [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, where the writer [redacted] in late  
1945. He was then [redacted]

[redacted] I was subsequently advised by someone that  
[redacted] in Washington, [redacted]  
someplace in Idaho. This is the last I had occasion to hear of him-as I transferred  
from the Portland Div.

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I do recall that [redacted] Washington and [redacted]  
[redacted] Portland, Oregon, had inquired [redacted]

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[redacted] in the State of Washington, but could only [redacted]  
[redacted] if he were taken to the area. This was never done in view of his  
[redacted]

He may have been too old as of Nov. 1971 to be matched with Unsub, D.B. Cooper,  
but inview of his, [redacted] familiarity with the  
States of Washington and Oregon, experience with smaller airplanes [redacted]

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[redacted] I thought he might be of interest.

Perhaps the Army may have a photo of [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted] in Portland, taken some years ago, of course, or [redacted] or  
Army record might indicate where he was in Nov, 1971 for elimination, if considered  
feasible or worthwhile for such.

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With genuine good wishes to you,

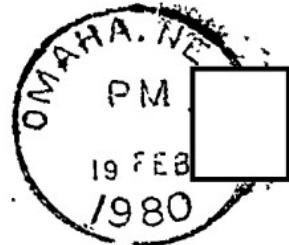
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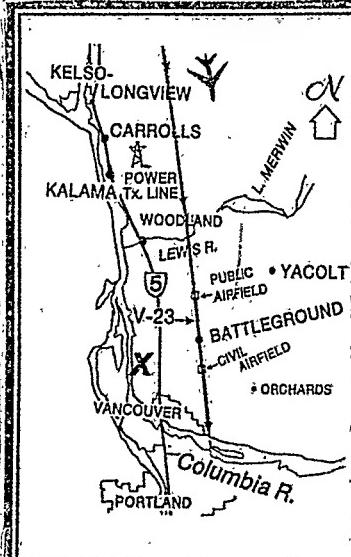
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FBI agents sifting the sand at the picnic site Tuesday had found a few more \$20 bills, but no evidence of a container. The bundles of bills were badly worn, as if eaten away by contact

with rocks and gravel while drifting downstream.

"The packaging and the numbered sequence of the bundles indicated that they had not been separated, and were in much the same order as when delivered to Cooper at Seattle-Tacoma Airport the night of the hijacking," Baker said. He said they would be sent to the FBI laboratory immediately for further examination.

Ingram, 28, and his wife, 26, will get no reward so far as is known, FBI agents said. Northwest Airlines' reward offer has expired.

"If there is one, they deserve it," Baker said. Ingram works as a painter in the U-Cart factory in Vancouver.

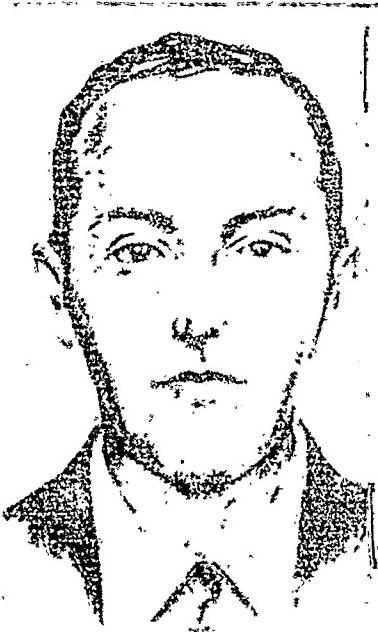
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Himmelsbach, who said soon after the hijacking that Cooper had less than a 50-50 chance of having survived, said Sunday's find confirmed his earlier conclusion.

"This is strong evidence that Cooper didn't survive," he said, "but we have no proof of that."

Himmelsbach said all the evidence points to Cooper's having bailed out over La Center. But he may have drifted farther east than the experts computed. He may have landed in the Washougal watershed, where the money could have found its way into the stream and been washed down to the Columbia by successive floods.

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HIJACKER — Sketch of airline hijacker known as Dan Cooper was released by FBI after hijacking, based on witness descriptions.

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Baker said detailed plans for a further search had not been formulated, but said he would expect to search up the Columbia to the Washougal — the first tributary to flow into the river above Vancouver — and may extend the search up the Washougal itself.



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**COOPER CASH FINDERS** — FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach, standing, views \$20 bills found by Harold Dwayne Ingram, left, and his wife, Patricia, on family picnic Sunday near Vancouver, Wash. FBI said "several thousand dollars" of the ransom paid to Dan Cooper were in the worn packets.

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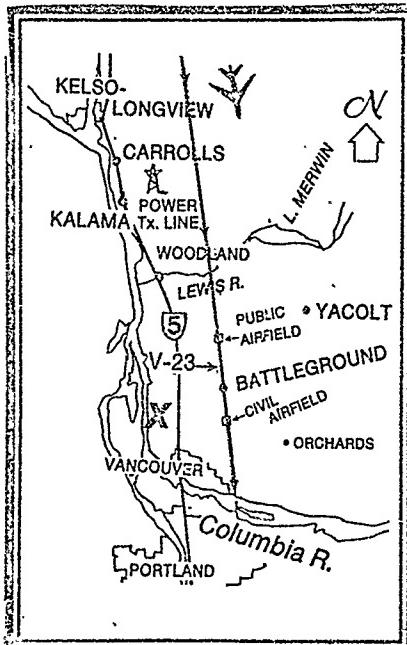
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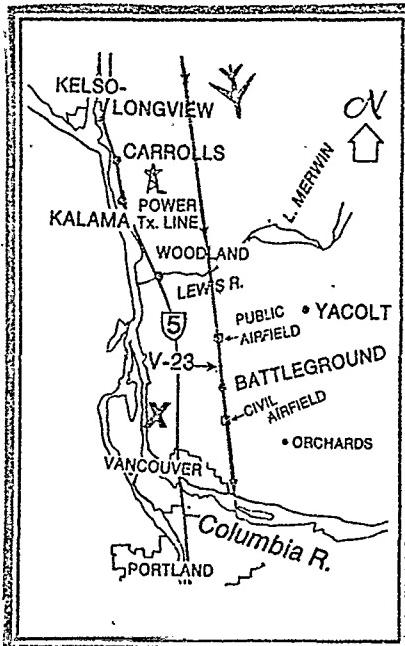
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The weathered bundles of \$20 bills found on the Washington bank of the Columbia River nine miles northwest of Vancouver on Sunday were the first solid clues to the mystery of the "Dan Cooper" aircraft hijacking, FBI agents said Tuesday.

One of the more intensive searches in the FBI's history had failed to turn up any clue to the fate of the mysterious hijacker or his loot during the eight years since he bailed out of a Northwest Orient Airlines Boeing 727 flying at 7,000 feet over La Center, Wash., on Nov. 24, 1971, FBI spokesmen said.

Cooper's was the first hijacking of a commercial airliner for money, and started a chain of similar attempts, which was responsible in part for the rigid security system now enforced at all United States airports and most major airports abroad.

Because of an erroneous report of the name used by the hijacker, he became known nationally as D.B. Cooper, although the airline manifest showed he had used the name "Dan."

The man who called himself Cooper paid cash for a ticket and boarded Northwest's Flight 305 at Portland International Airport just before it departed. He sat in a rear seat in the cabin and waited until the plane was airborne. Then he handed stewardess Florence Schaffner a note saying he had a bomb in the satchel he was carrying and demanding \$200,000 in unmarked \$20 bills.

By the time the plane landed at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport at 5:45 p.m., airline officials were gathering the money and the four parachutes he had demanded. The hijacker released the 36 passengers on board, along with all crew members except one stewardess and two pilots. The plane then took off and headed south at 7,000 feet in stormy weather.

At 8:10 p.m. the pilots felt a fluctuation in cabin pressure which indicated the rear door had been opened. Later tests showed this was when the hijacker had bailed out, taking with him the money and the device that he claimed was a bomb.

Computer calculations and a later reconstruction of the flight persuaded the FBI that Cooper had bailed out near Woodland, Wash., and would have landed somewhere west of Lake Merwin.

William Rataczak, first officer (co-pilot) on the hijacked plane who flew the later reconstructions of the hijack flight, said the pilots received no answer when they called on the interphone to their passenger and were not certain he was gone until they landed in Reno, Nev., at 11 p.m.

The "target area" was searched repeatedly by the FBI, other law enforcement officers and soldiers from Fort Lewis, Wash., but no trace of man or money was found. Northwest Airlines offered a reward, since expired, and hunters and woodsmen continued the search for years without success.

Before Sunday, the only item that had been found from the hijacking was a placard believed to have blown off the bulkhead of the 727 when the door was opened in flight.

It was found 13 miles east of Castle Rock, Wash., in January 1979. The placard, if indeed it came from the hijacked plane, "helped to confirm that the plane was on course all the way, but didn't shed any light on what happened to Cooper," said FBI agent Ralph Himmelsbach, who headed the investigation.

After eight years of investigation, Himmelsbach has said he still believes Cooper could not have survived the parachute jump at 7 degrees below zero, dressed as he was in a light business suit and street shoes.

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**This catch wasn't the big one****Fishing for D.B.****Cooper's loot**

By PAT MOSER

Columbian Staff Writer

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The D.B. Cooper money find also brought significance to a green bank bag found by Jack Smith who lives up the Washougal River in Skamania County.

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on Highway 140 in March 1976 when he spotted what looked like a woman's purse in the roadway.

The purse turned out to be a bank bag with \$6,040 inside, all 20s, except for two 10s.

"Being an honest person, I turned it in," Smith said. "Then I waited a year. The FBI checked to see if it was part of the Cooper money. I wasn't."

After a year, no one claimed it, so Smith got half. Under state statute, the other half of the money goes to the state general fund.

Devaney's and Smith's experiences may mean that the Washougal River, while possibly not the source of the Cooper money, is a veritable stash of someone else's.

In fact, soon after the Cooper money was found near Vancouver, an FBI agent said an anonymous

person called to tell agents that three 20s folded together were found in the river. The caller said they were already spent, ruling out a serial number comparison.

While Devaney has kept his money, Smith spent his \$3,020.

"I didn't have to 'launder' it," Smith said. "I used it to drill my well and put in a septic tank."

With tales of money along the Washougal River and the possibility of the D.B. Cooper cash coming from its watershed, surprisingly, no FBI agents have seemed to be around asking the river folks if they know of money being found.

"I haven't seen anyone that well dressed today," said Sharrol Fulcher, one of the owners of the Riverside Grocery, a meeting place for Washougal River residents.

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# Geologist's finding contradicts theory

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The Daily News

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The FBI said today that the search will continue today and Friday, then probably be suspended temporarily.

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The FBI said the backhoe was used to dig a trench near the discovery site, making possible a study of the layers of sand.

An associate professor of geology at Portland State University, Leonard Palmer, was retained to inspect the sand and to assist investigators in determining when the bundled money may have been deposited there.

Palmer, to the surprise of some authorities, concluded that the money was deposited on the beach in the past year or two because it was above clay deposits put on the beach in a 1974 channel dredging operation.

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Geologist Leonard Palmer studies place bills turned up  
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"I also think it's asinine that people form D.B. Cooper clubs, hold D.B. Cooper parties, print D.B. Cooper T-shirts and find other ways to glorify him," Connell said.

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The Northwest Airlines plane was hijacked between Portland and Seattle by a man who said he had a bomb. The hijacker obtained \$200,000 in \$20 bills when the plane landed in Seattle and then parachuted with the money over Southwest Washington.

The bills found Sunday represented the first trace of the hijacker or money since the Thanksgiving Eve hijack occurred.

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The Northwest Airlines plane was hijacked between Portland and Seattle by a man who said he had a bomb. The hijacker obtained \$200,000 in \$20 bills when the plane landed in Seattle and then parachuted with the money over Southwest Washington.

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"I snagged the caboose and crawled across the top. Wind like to blow me off a dozen-times."

"You're my hero, Pa."

"I'd rather . . . just be your father."

"What do you mean, Pa?"

Old Man Cooper adjusts his rump to the hard, cold floor.

"Because," he says, "heroes always end up like this boxcar. Stuffy — and hard to ride with."

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When Hollywood makes the D. B. movie, I hope there's a part for Brian Ingram. The kid is a natural.

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People are again asking me the \$200,000 question: Is D.B. Cooper dead or alive?

Since the whole episode is a movie anyway, I turn to the silver screen for my reply.

I hearken to the white stallion in "Viva Zapata!" Zapata has been ambushed and killed, but his horse runs away.

"The horse, the horse!" the assassins cry. "Get the horse!"

Too late. Mane flying, the stallion thunders off into the hills, drumming the legend of Emiliano Zapata with each mercurial stride.

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They can find all of the ransom money, they can dredge up bones and skulls, they can prove beyond a doubt that D. B. drowned in the icy waters of the Washougal or the Lewis rivers.

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Punk or paragon, cutthroat or aviator, see him as you will.

But yes, gentle reader, D. B. Cooper lives.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Portland (164-41)

February 25, 1980

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FBI FILE NO. 164-2111

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From: Director, FBI

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Examination requested by: Portland

Reference: Airtel dated February 13, 1980

Examination requested: Document - Mineralogy - Fingerprint

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FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK(A)  
OO: SEATTLE

*Subs: D.A.*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SFATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 2/26/80

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: SE

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Lead

Seattle at Washougal, Washington

Will contact [redacted] regarding above mentioned parachute to determine any connection with the NORJAK case.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Date 2/22/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (P) (ORA)

RE: NORJACK  
 OO: Seattle

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San Francisco indices reviewed regarding [redacted] with no record being found. San Francisco is conducting no additional investigation with regard to this matter unless directed to do so by Seattle.

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RE: NORJACK  
OO: Seattle

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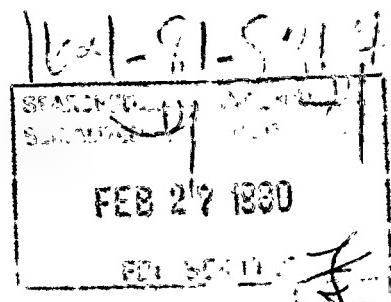
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 2/27/80

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SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

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# No money, no fish

## Treasure hunters fail to find more Cooper loot

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — When the fellas gather at Tena Bar, fish stories abound. Hardly anyone wants to talk about the D.B. Cooper money that got away.

Tena Bar isn't a local watering hole. It's a local fishing hole — and the sand bar on the Columbia River on which the D.B. Cooper loot was found recently.

For awhile, all sorts of people gathered at the bar to search for some of the \$200,000 ransom money taken by Cooper in the nation's first hijacking-for-profit nine years ago, after a boy found weathered packets of \$20 bills in the sand.

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"We haven't seen anybody," said Bill Holcomb, a Vancouver resident and frequenter of Tena Bar.

Holcomb was fishing there with Virgil Nichols and Ken Troupe, both of Vancouver. The trio made up the entire fishing population of Tena Bar on Wednesday.

"We drag junk out of this river every day. Plastic, old shoes, things like that," said Nichols. "But never any money."

"There may be money here, but there's no fish," Holcomb said.

A long trench on the beach dug for use by river experts studying the layers of sand has been refilled, as has the large hole around the spot where 8-year-old Brian Ingram found the Cooper money. Cooper hijacked a Northwest Airlines plane in 1971 and jumped from the back of the jet with \$200,000.

The Fazio Brothers, who own the beach next to their farming opera-

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"As soon as the FBI left Friday," said Richard Fazio, "two people came, got stuck in the sand, and wanted me to pull them out. I did, and then I went up to close the gate."

Meanwhile, local FBI agents assigned to the case are awaiting the results of tests of the money by the bureau's crime lab in Washington, D.C., and checking all the leads that invariably crop up when anything to do with the Cooper case is publicized.

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that sort of thing," said Ray Mathis, of the FBI's office in Seattle.

"And we have to check them all out."

The question of who eventually will get the money apparently has not been settled. Guy Staffa, of Royal Insurance in New York, the firm that repaid Northwest Airlines \$180,000 from the \$200,000 loss, said the FBI had not yet contacted the firm.

"We've had no official word confirming that this is the money," Staffa said. "If it is, we would have an interest in the recovery along with the insured (Northwest Airlines)."



An FBI composite drawing of D. B. Cooper

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C/O The F.B.I.  
11. 920 Riverside  
Spokane, Washington. 99210

From [REDACTED]  
A.K.A. [REDACTED]  
Washington State Penitentiary  
Walla Walla, Washington. [REDACTED]

Source [REDACTED]  
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RE: D.D. Cooper

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It was actually a chance meeting, but he was talking to me in a low voice about how he didn't need the money, only the prestige of knowing that the F.B.I. could be had, he stated to me that the F.B.I. only respect a sharp. and wise criminal, and that the sharper you are the less crime that you do.

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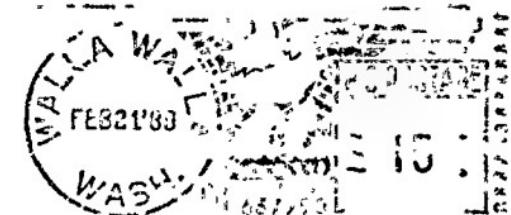
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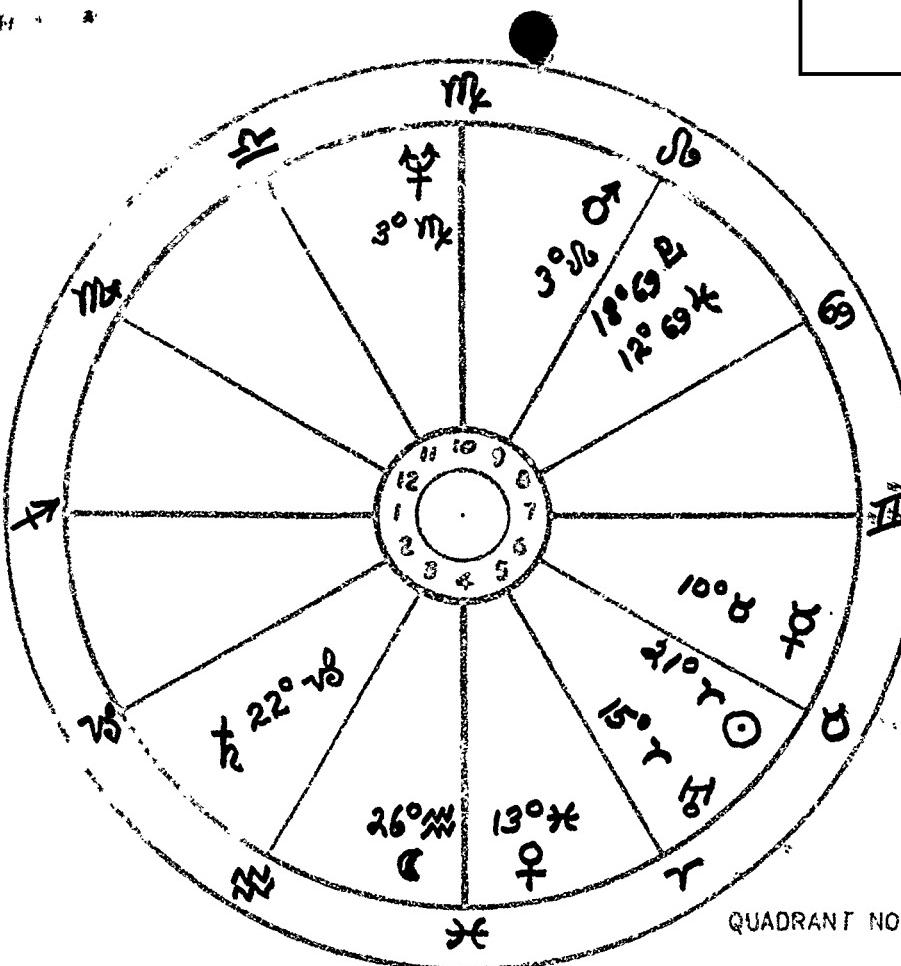
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**BIRTH PLACE**

TIME DATE

SIDEREAL TIME

TRUE LOCAL TIME

GREENWICH MEAN TIME

**CARDINAL:**

### **FIXED:**

## MUTABLE:

## **FIRE:**

## EARTH:

AIR:

## **WATER:**

## PATTERN

**INITIATOR**                    **DOER**

RULER: \_\_\_\_\_  
CO-RULER: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOTES:

THIS IS A CRUDE  
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REFER TO DAN COOPER / D.B.  
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THE MOON DEGREE IS A SPECULATIVE  
GUESS.

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# TIME CALCULATION SHEET

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM DATE \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE \_\_\_\_\_ LAT. \_\_\_\_\_ LONG. \_\_\_\_\_

## TRUE LOCAL TIME (TLT)

- 1 BIRTH TIME: Standard time ..... h m AM/PM
- 2 If Daylight Saving Time, subtract 1 hour .....
- 3 BIRTHPLACE ADJUSTMENT: multiply difference between natal longitude and Prime Meridian by  $4'$  for each  $1^{\circ}$ ; if natal longitude west of Prime Meridian, subtract result; if east, add result .....

4 ~~Subtract step 3 from step 1.~~ TRUE LOCAL TIME ..... AM/PM

## SIDEREAL TIME (ST)

- 1 SIDEREAL TIME FOR PREVIOUS NOON FROM EPHEMERIS FOR \_\_\_\_\_ (date) ..... h m s
- 2 Time interval from previous noon: NOTE if TLT is AM, Interval = TLT + 12h  
if TLT is PM, Interval = TLT - 12h .....
- 3 Correction on time interval: 10 seconds per hour of interval .....
- 4 Correction on birthplace: 10 seconds per  $15^{\circ}$  natal longitude .....
- 5 result .....
- 6 If result greater than 24h 0m 0s, subtract 24h 0m 0s .....

CORRECTED SIDEREAL TIME .....

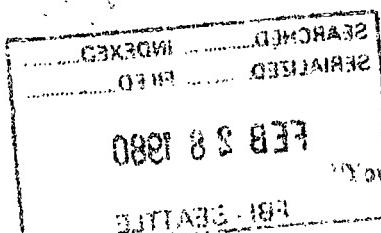
## GREENWICH MEAN TIME (GMT)

- 1 TRUE LOCAL TIME ..... h m AM/PM
- 2 Multiply natal longitude by  $4'$  per  $1^{\circ}$  .....
- 3 result .....
- 4 If result greater than 12h 0m, subtract 12h 0m.  
NOTE if step 4 used then AM changes to PM, same date  
PM changes to AM, date increases by 1 day .....

GREENWICH MEAN TIME ..... AM/PM

## CONSTANT LOGARITHM

- 1 Interval between GMT and previous noon: see SIDEREAL TIME step 2 (read GMT for TLT)
- 2 From table of proportional logarithms ..... CONSTANT LOGARITHM .....



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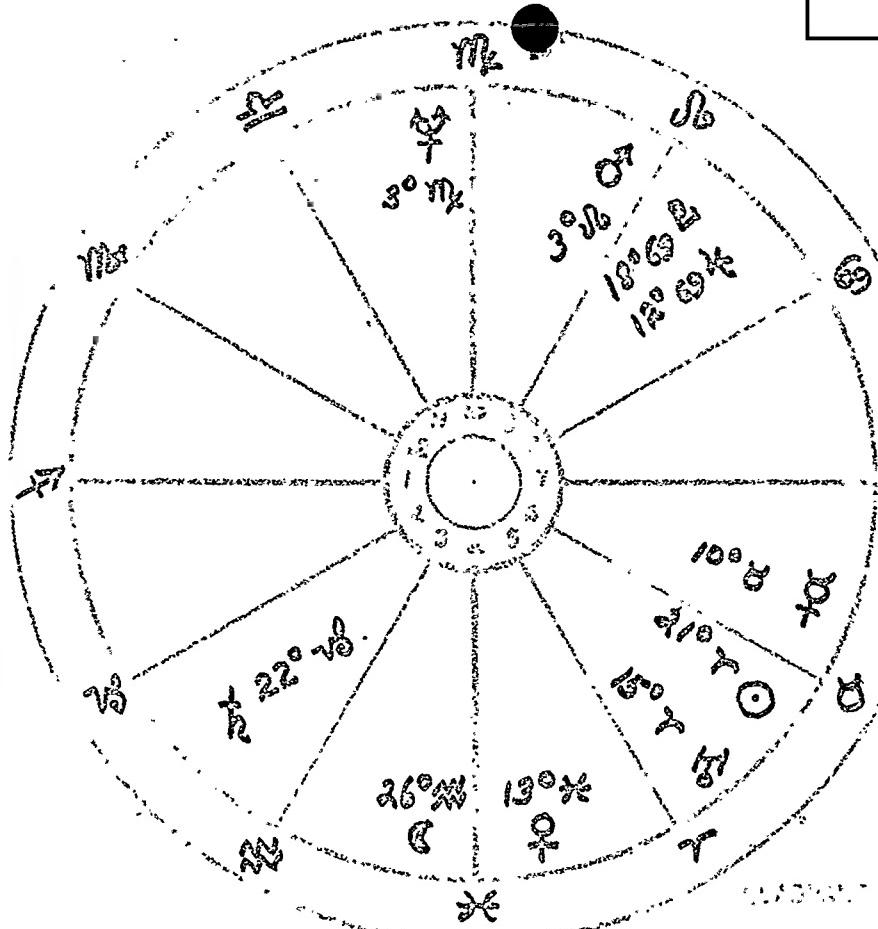
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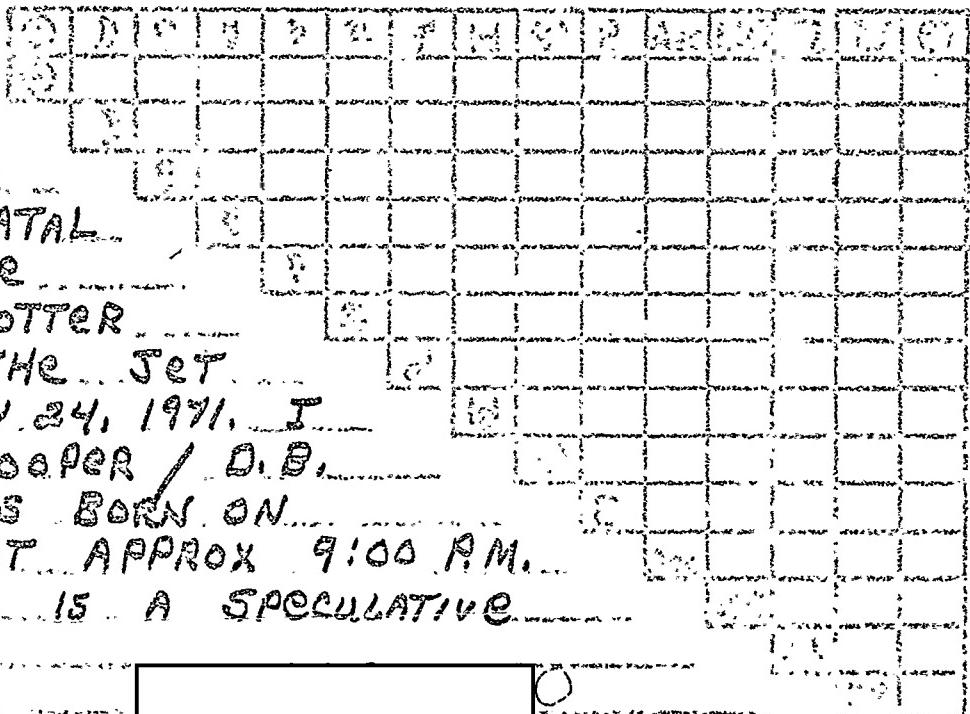
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Federal Bureau of Investigation D/28  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Concerning Cooper airline hijacking: NV  
you might check out [redacted]  
last known address was Hutchinson, Ks.  
[redacted]

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The sketch in the paper resembles him.  
He came up missing for 3 or 4 days  
came home sponorited - claimed loss of  
memory and as far as I know, never  
gave a reason. A search for his car -  
[redacted] turned out

[redacted] nil during his absence at that time.

I've always wondered if it were he.

My [redacted] retired from the F.B.I. I'm  
glad you have a director now who is restoring the  
good image of the F.B.I. [redacted]

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P.S. We still have the \$10,000 reward.

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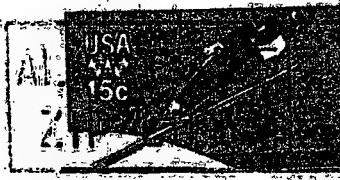
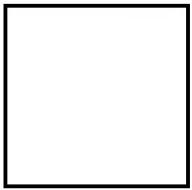
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Washington, D. C.

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JUBS: J.R.W.

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Washington, D.C.

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He came up missing for 3 or 4 days  
came home exhausted - claimed loss of  
memory and as far as I know, never  
gave a reason. A search for his car -  
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nil during his absence at that time.

I've always wondered if it were he.

My [redacted] retired from the F.B.I. I'm  
glad you have a director now who is restoring the  
good image of the F.B.I. [redacted]

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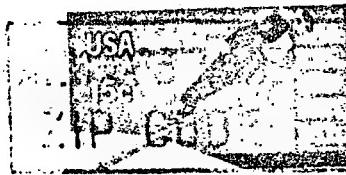
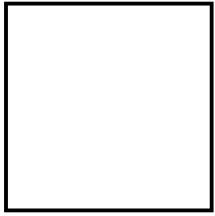
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# Agent in D.B. Cooper case retires

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TO: SAC, MIAMI  
 FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (P) (Sq. 10)  
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 OO: SEATTLE  
 Re: [REDACTED]

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THE MIAMI OFFICE:

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA: Will conduct appropriate investigation to determine if [redacted] is identical to subject D.B. Cooper.

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# A Clue to a '71 Crime

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AP Photo

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AP Photo  
Newsday Map

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The saga began when Cooper boarded the jetliner in Portland for a flight to Seattle. Once airborne, he demanded that the airline have \$200,000 in \$20 bills and three parachutes on hand when the plane landed in Seattle. He threatened to blow up the plane if his demands were not met. The airline complied, providing the parachutes and money. The FBI said yesterday that the serial numbers of the bills had been recorded.

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Crew members said they believed he jumped, using the least reliable parachute, over southwest Washington. Law enforcement officials have theorized that his body is in Lake Merwin, 30 miles north of Portland, or entangled in thick bushes. The decomposed money was found 17 to 20 miles from what is believed to have been the jump site.



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FROM: *SPW/M* SAC, BQMRA (164-627) (C) *2113-5*SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
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Enclosed for Seattle are the following:

- a) a photostatic copy of six pages of the February 1980 issue of Prevention magazine, including an article written by [redacted]
- b) A newspaper clipping from Newsday, a Long Island, NY newspaper, dated 2/13/80.

These enclosures were brought into the Hauppauge, NY RA by [redacted] for the Suffolk County DA's Office. He noted that the crime sketch of "D.B. COOPER" is a look-a-like to several photographs of [redacted] which appear in the Prevention Magazine article. Secondly, [redacted] in the article indicates that he is a former parachutist who has jumped from a low flying aircraft. The written notations on the article are those of [redacted]

No leads are set forth here, but are left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

②Seattle (Encs.7) *Richard*  
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2/27/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

FROM: SAC, BQMRA (164-627) (C)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
(OO: SE)

Enclosed for Seattle are the following:

- a) a photostatic copy of six pages of the February 1980 issue of Prevention magazine, including an article written by [redacted]
- b) A newspaper clipping from Newsday, a Long Island, NY newspaper, dated 2/13/80.

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These enclosures were brought into the Hauppauge, NY RA by [redacted] for the Suffolk County DA's Office. He noted that the crime sketch of "D.B. COOPER" is a look-a-like to several photographs of [redacted] which appear in the Prevention Magazine article. Secondly, [redacted] in the article indicates that he is a former parachutist who has jumped from a low flying aircraft. The written notations on the article are those of [redacted]

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No leads are set forth here, but are left to the discretion of the Office of Origin.

②-Seattle (Encs.7)  
1-BQMRA

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.) p.B7

Seattle Times  
Seattle, Wa.Date: 2/29/80  
Edition: AM

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Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: Seattle

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SAC, Portland (164-81), WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

February 29, 1980

To:

164-2111

FBI FILE NO.

00214031 D/S LL VJ

— MORJAK

LAB. NO.

Re:

Sub 4

February 14, 1980

Specimens received

Result of examination:

A description of the evidence submitted with Portland communication dated February 13, 1980, was listed in Laboratory report dated February 25, 1980.

Specimen Q59 contains sand that exhibits characteristics which indicate it was subjected to erosional processes, i.e. moving water, and is consistent with having come from sediment which was deposited by the Columbia River.

Q59 is enclosed herewith. The disposition of Q58 will be furnished with the results of the requested fingerprint examination.

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of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

BAU, Portland (100-214031) WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

February 29, 1980

To:

164-2111

FBI FILE NO.

00214031 D/S LL VJ

— NORJAK

LAB. NO.

Re:

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Portland (164-41)

February 29, 1980

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 164-2111

Re: NORJAK

LAB. NO. 00214031 D/S LL VJ

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Examination requested by: **Portland**

Reference: Airtel dated February 13, 1980

**Examination requested: Document - Mineralogy - Fingerprint**

**Remarks:**

[redacted] of the Oregon office of the United States Geological Survey was consulted and may be contacted at PTS [redacted] concerning tributary flow into the Columbia River.

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Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, Q59)  
② Seattle (164-81)  
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Portland (164-41)

February 29, 1980

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FBI FILE NO. 164-2111

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TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-81) PRIORITY

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/4/80

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

*Main file*

*Sub G, M, G,*

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The [redacted] has been paid by separate communication and through SA [redacted]

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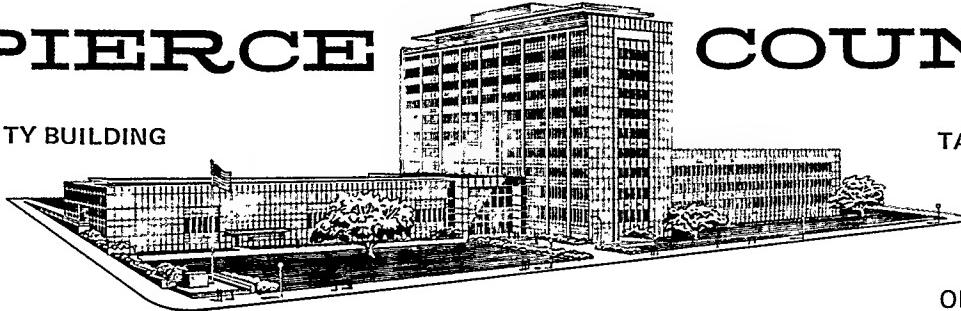
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# PIERCE COUNTY

COUNTY-CITY BUILDING



TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98402

OFFICE OF COUNTY SHERIFF  
LYLE SMITH  
SHERIFF

In Reply: Refer to File No.

February 28, 1980

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
915 Second  
Seattle, Washington

Re: C. B. Cooper

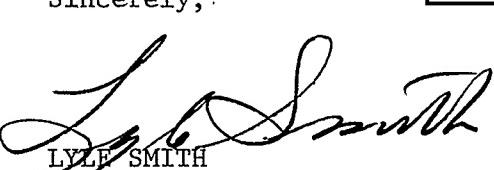
Gentlemen:

[REDACTED] in Pierce County, telephone number [REDACTED] telephoned the Pierce County Sheriff's Office indicating that a long-time [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was just the type of personality that has been described in the news; also, the [REDACTED] had received paratrooper training.

She does not know the whereabouts of this man, but states that he had [REDACTED] the Seattle Police Department. Also, there is a [REDACTED] who resides somewhere in Grays Harbor who might have knowledge of his location. [REDACTED]

We recognize this is extremely slim, but we never thought you would find the money either. [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

  
LYLE SMITH

SHERIFF OF PIERCE COUNTY

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PIERCE COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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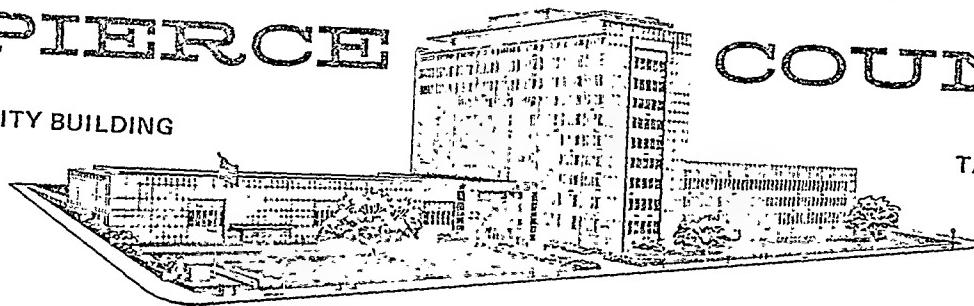
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LYLE SMITH  
SHERIFF OF PIERCE COUNTY

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PIERCE COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype  
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- PRECEDENCE:  
 Immediate  
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- CLASSIFICATION:  
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Date 2/29/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (164-2111)  
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY,  
DOCUMENT SECTION, SA [redacted]  
FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION,  
FROM: *B/SAC*, PORTLAND (164-41) (P) *SUBS: G-711* [redacted]  
SUBJECT: NORJAK

Re Portland airtel to Bureau, 2/13/80; and Portland teletype to Bureau, 2/20/80.

Enclosed herewith for the Laboratory are four additional bills from the ransom in this matter obtained on 2/14/80, from [redacted] as was set forth in referenced teletype.

REQUEST OF THE FBI LABORATORY

LABORATORY. Is requested to conduct any examination possible with the four above mentioned additional bills and to include them with the rest of the recovered ransom.

Upon conclusion of the laboratory examination of the ransom in this matter, the evidence should be returned to Portland for preservation in connection with the prosecution presently before the U.S. District Court, Portland.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS

- RPH*  
<sup>4</sup> - Bureau (Enc. 4)  
<sup>2</sup> - Seattle (164-81)  
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ATTN: FBI LABORATORY,  
DOCUMENT SECTION, SA [redacted]  
FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,  
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TO ALBUQUERQUE PRIORITY

SALT LAKE CITY PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-61) PRIORITY

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NORJAK (A); OO: SEATTLE. BUFILE 164-2111

ON MARCH 5, 1980, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MONTANA, TELEPHONE [REDACTED] TELEPHONI-

CALLY ADVISED HE WAS WATCHING THE TV PROGRAM "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" TODAY WHEN HE OBSERVED A SHOWING OF A COMPOSITE OF D. B. COOPER. [REDACTED] ADVISED THE COMPOSITE STRONGLY RESEMBLES ONE [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) A FORMER ACQUAINTANCE WITH WHOM HE HAD [REDACTED]

UNRECALLED LOCATION IN [REDACTED] AT THE LATTER LOCATION THE JOB INVOLVED [REDACTED] ACCORDING

TO [REDACTED] FOR UNITED NUCLEAR

AT [REDACTED] IN THE EARLY [REDACTED] AND AT KENNECOTT COPPER

COMPANY, [REDACTED] IN ABOUT [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] WAS A

COCKY INDIVIDUAL WHO TALKED OF HIJACKING PLANES AND INDICATED

HE LAST SAW HIM AT [REDACTED] IN 1970.

Source - [REDACTED]  
Subject - [REDACTED]

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*Seattle negative  
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[REDACTED] CONTINUED HE HAS NO PERSONAL INFORMATION RELATING TO  
[REDACTED] BUT BELIEVES HE MAY HAVE BEEN FROM COLORADO ORIGINALLY  
AND IS SEVERAL YEARS YOUNGER THAN [REDACTED] YEARS OF  
AGE.

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ALBUQUERQUE

CONTACT UNITED NUCLEAR, [REDACTED] IN AN EFFORT TO LOCATE  
EMPLOYMENT RECORD CONTAINING BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
CONCERNING [REDACTED]  
SALT LAKE CITY

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AT [REDACTED] REVIEW KENNECOTT COPPER COMPANY RECORDS OF  
EMPLOYMENT FOR INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED]  
SEATTLE

b6  
b7C

CHECK INDICES TO DETERMINE IF THE NAME [REDACTED] HAS  
SURFACED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION. IF ALBUQUERQUE AND SALT  
LAKE CITY ARE SUCCESSFUL IN IDENTIFYING [REDACTED] SET OUT APPRO-  
PRIATE LEADS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW, OR OTHERWISE RESOLVE  
IDENTITY.

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TO ALBUQUERQUE PRIORITY

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Date 3/12/80

BUfile 164-2111  
SEfile 164-81

To:  Director  
Att.: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE # \_\_\_\_\_

SAC \_\_\_\_\_ Title NORJAK (A)  
 ASAC \_\_\_\_\_ OO: Seattle  
 Supv. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Agent \_\_\_\_\_  
 OSM \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rotor # \_\_\_\_\_  
 M \_\_\_\_\_ RE: Butte teletype to  
Room \_\_\_\_\_ Albuquerque, 3/6/80.

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1 - Butte  
1 - Salt Lake  
① - Seattle  
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DB Cooper-17572

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Routing Slip  
FD-4 (Rev. 6-28-78)

Date 3/12/80

BUfile 164-2111

SEfile 164-81

To:  Director

FILE #

Att.: \_\_\_\_\_

Title NORJAK (A)

SAC \_\_\_\_\_

OO: Seattle

ASAC \_\_\_\_\_

Supv. \_\_\_\_\_

Agent \_\_\_\_\_

OSM \_\_\_\_\_

Rotor # \_\_\_\_\_

RE: Butte teletype to

M \_\_\_\_\_ Albuquerque, 3/6/80.

Room \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bring file                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Initial & return                              |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Call me                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Leads need attention                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Return with action taken                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Correct                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Open case                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Return with explanation                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deadline _____                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare lead cards                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Search and return                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare tickler                               | <input type="checkbox"/> See me                                      |
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DIRECTOR, FBI (164-211)  
(ATTN: PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE)

2/26/80

B/ SAC, PORTLAND (164-41) (P)

NORJAK  
OO: Seattle

Enclosed for the Bureau is one packet of newspaper articles collected at Portland, Oregon.

The enclosed articles are typical of those appearing in most major newspapers in the State of Oregon following announcement of the location of a portion of the ransom received by the subject in this matter.

The media contacts on this matter by personnel of the Portland Division during the period 2/12-25/80 included one press conference, 26 television appearances, and a multitude of recorded radio appearances.

- 2 - Bureau (Enclosure)
- 1 - Seattle
- 2 - Portland 51
  - (1 - 164-41)
  - (1 - 80-42)

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2/23/80

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (P)

NORJACK  
OO: SEATTLE

SAC, OMAHA

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On 2/13/80,

[redacted] Willmar, Minnesota, telephone number [redacted] advised that artist's sketch of Unsub he had recently seen on Minneapolis television station looked very similar to an individual he had known in the past named [redacted]. He explained that he attended [redacted] Worthington, Minnesota, with [redacted] years ago, but has not seen or heard of him in the past ten years. He advised that [redacted] was a Vietnam veteran, [redacted] and felt the world owed him something for this. He believes [redacted] was a parachutist in the military, was very athletic, but did not do well scholastically. He added that [redacted] was rather anti-social and he had heard him use first names other than his true first name. He estimated that [redacted] would now be approximately 36 years old. This [redacted] was from Lyon County, Iowa, and lived [redacted] Iowa. He did not know his mailing address. He cannot recall [redacted] father's first name, but feels that the local Sheriff would know them.

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[redacted] stated that he had not thought of [redacted] as being identical with Unsub, until he saw the artist's sketch. [redacted] feels that [redacted] has the same description and the personality to commit this act and he would not be surprised if he is identical with Unsub.

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On 2/12/80, [redacted]  
Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, telephone number [redacted] advised that the apartment manager at [redacted] Minneapolis, Minnesota, looks like the photograph shown on television of D. B. COOPER. He gave a description of the apartment manager as 5'8", brown hair, approximately 37

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2 - Omaha  
1 - Seattle (164-81)  
1 - Minneapolis  
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FBI - MINNEAPOLIS  
MAR 5 1980  
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DB Cooper-17575

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MP 164-73

years old.

LEAD

OMAHA

AT GEORGE, IOWA

1. Attempt to identify [redacted] and determine if sufficient background information to determine if identical with alleged skyjacker, D. B. COOPER.
2. Lead to conduct interview of [redacted] is left to discretion of Omaha.

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MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

1. Will determine full identity of apartment manager and will interview.

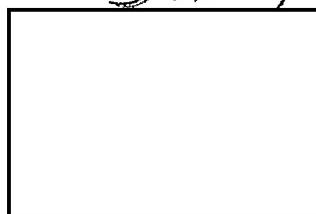
2/28/80

SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (P)

NORJACK  
OO: SEATTLE

SAC, OMAHA

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-SAC CC  
Suspect

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- 2 - Omaha  
① - Seattle (164-81)  
1 - Minneapolis  
TAS:kae  
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FBI - SEATTLE	

MP 164-73

years old.

LEAD

OMAHA

AT GEORGE, IOWA

1. Attempt to identify [redacted] and determine if sufficient background information to determine if identical with alleged skyjacker, D. B. COOPER.

2. Lead to conduct interview of [redacted] is left to discretion of Omaha.

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MINNEAPOLIS

AT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

1. Will determine full identity of apartment manager and will interview.

FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

- Teletype  
 Facsimile  
 Airtel

## PRECEDENCE:

- Immediate  
 Priority  
 Routine

## CLASSIFICATION:

- TOP SECRET  
 SECRET  
 CONFIDENTIAL  
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 UNCLAS

Date 2/29/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (164-392) (RUC) *SAC SJ*  
 SUBJECT: NORJAK  
 CAA  
 OO:SEATTLE

On 2/28/80, an anonymous male caller contacted the Hartford Resident Agency and stated, "If the FBI is looking for D.B. Cooper, they should check out [redacted] [redacted] ex-Naval Officer, who has jump experience and fits the description." The caller further stated that [redacted] resides in the Los Angeles area and hung up.

Above info being furnished to OO for evaluation and any other action deemed appropriate.

(2) - Seattle  
 1 - New Haven  
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Approved: *[Signature]*Transmitted \_\_\_\_\_  
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2/29/30

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)  
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (164-392) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK  
CAA  
OO:SEATTLE

On 2/23/30, an anonymous male caller contacted the Hartford Resident Agency and stated, "If the FBI is looking for D.B. Cooper, they should check out [redacted] [redacted], ex-Naval Officer, who has jump experience and fits the description." The caller further stated that [redacted] resides in the Los Angeles area and hung up.

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1 - New Haven  
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TO ALBUQUERQUE PRIORITY

BALTIMORE PRIORITY

SACRAMENTO PRIORITY

ST. LOUIS PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-61) PRIORITY

BT

UNCLAS

NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

FOR INFORMATION BALTIMORE, ST. LOUIS, AND SEATTLE, ON  
MARCH 5, 1980, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MONTANA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BUTTE OFFICE

HE WAS WATCHING TELEVISION PROGRAM, "GOOD MORNING, AMERICA,"

WHEN HE OBSERVED SHOWING OF COMPOSITE OF D. B. COOPER. [REDACTED]

ADVISED COMPOSITE STRONGLY RESEMBLES ONE [REDACTED]

(PHONETIC), A FORMER ACQUAINTANCE WITH WHOM HE HAD [REDACTED]

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DB Cooper-17581

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[REDACTED] UNRECALLED LOCATION IN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT THE LATTER LOCATION, JOB INVOLVED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR UNITED NUCLEAR AT [REDACTED] IN THE EARLY [REDACTED]

AND AT KENNECOTT COPPER COMPANY, [REDACTED], IN ABOUT [REDACTED]

STATED [REDACTED] WAS A COCKY INDIVIDUAL WHO TALKED OF HIJACKING  
PLANES AND INDICATED HE LAST SAW HIM IN [REDACTED] IN 1970.

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ON MARCH 7, 1980, [REDACTED] KENNECOTT  
COPPER COMPANY, P. O. BOX 250, [REDACTED] UTAH, TELEPHONE 465-4098,  
ADVISED HER RECORDS SHOW THAT ONE [REDACTED] WAS HIRED AT  
KENNECOTT COPPER, [REDACTED] UTAH, ON [REDACTED] CALLED  
IN SICK ON MAY 25, 1969, DID NOT REPORT FOR WORK MAY 26, 1969,  
AND WAS TERMINATED MAY 26, 1969. [REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]  
RECORDS CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED] HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA; HAIR BROWN; EYES BROWN; 165 POUNDS;  
5'10"; LOCAL ADDRESS [REDACTED] SANTAQUIN, UTAH; MARITAL  
STATUS SINGLE; SSAN [REDACTED] PRIOR EMPLOYMENTS WESTERN  
NUCLEAR, WYOMING, [REDACTED] AND CENTENNIAL DEVELOPMENT, EUREKA,  
UTAH, [REDACTED] RELATIVES [REDACTED] ADDRESS

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RATON, NEW MEXICO: EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, ALBUQUERQUE,  
NEW MEXICO, [REDACTED] MILITARY SERVICE, U. S. MARINE CORPS, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED APPLICATION ALSO SHOWS LIFE INSURANCE  
BENEFICIARY AS [REDACTED] OROVILLE,  
CALIFORNIA.

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ALBUQUERQUE AT RATON, NEW MEXICO: WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE  
AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] THROUGH [REDACTED]

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AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO: WILL CONSIDER REVIEWING HIGH  
SCHOOL RECORDS OF GRADUATES IN [REDACTED] FOR ALBUQUERQUE HIGH SCHOOLS  
IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO LOCATION AND  
INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

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BALTIMORE AT SOCIAL SECURITY HEADQUARTERS: WILL DETERMINE  
WHETHER OR NOT THEIR RECORDS SHOW SSAN [REDACTED] HAVING RECENT  
OR CURRENT EMPLOYMENT FOR [REDACTED] AND, IF SO, WILL SET OUT LEADS  
TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED.

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SACRAMENTO AT OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA: WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE  
AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED] THROUGH [REDACTED]

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ST. LOUIS AT FEDERAL RECORDS CENTER: WILL ATTEMPT TO

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LOCATE RECORDS OF [REDACTED] MILITARY SERVICE AND REVIEW  
SAME TO OBTAIN POSSIBLE LEAD INFORMATION IN ORDER TO LOCATE AND  
INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

SALT LAKE CITY AT PROVO, UTAH: INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FM SALT LAKE CITY (164-259) (P)

TO ALBUQUERQUE PRIORITY

BALTIMORE PRIORITY

SACRAMENTO PRIORITY

ST. LOUIS PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-61) PRIORITY

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UNCLAS

NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

FOR INFORMATION BALTIMORE, ST. LOUIS, AND SEATTLE, ON

MARCH 5, 1989, [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED]

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WHEN HE OBSERVED SHOWING OF COMPOSITE OF D. B. COOPER. [REDACTED]

ADVISED COMPOSITE STRONGLY RESEMBLES ONE [REDACTED]

(PHONETIC), A FORMER ACQUAINTANCE WITH WHOM HE HAD [REDACTED]

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DB Cooper-17585

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription 2/14/80*DUB 6,*

[redacted] WXIA TV,  
 1611 West Peachtree Street, furnished the following  
 information:

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He made available an original letter which is typewritten and addressed to him, dated December 31, 1979, which is signed D. B. Cooper.

He also made available the envelope containing this letter and a 3 x 5 card which was enclosed with the letter and bearing the numbers "5346225496754."

He stated that he received this letter several weeks ago and felt upon reading the letter that the writer was not actually D. B. Cooper, a skyjacker, and he based this assumption on the fact that the writer stated the skyjacking occurred in 1969, which is erroneous. He stated that he was making this letter available in view of the recent publicity concerning D. B. Cooper.

Xerox copies of this letter and the envelope and 3 x 5 card are as follows:

*5-16-81-8292*

Investigation on 2/13/80 at Atlanta, Georgia File # AT 164-642

by SA [redacted] /lwg Date dictated 2/14/80

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[redacted]  
WXIA-TV  
1611 W. Peachtree St.  
Atlanta, GA 30309

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December 31, 1979

Dear [redacted]

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First, let me assure you: I am D.B. Cooper, the individual who completed the skyjacking in 1969. Of course, you -- and any of your colleagues -- may choose to disbelieve this: our society is comprised of individuals who, strangely enough, believe in that which is untrue, disbelieve in that which is fact.

Nevertheless, I have decided that it is time for a bit of communication. Somewhat rather smugly observing the minor fanfare my ten-year anniversary caused in the media this November, I suddenly realized that I wanted people to know I was still alive -- and that I had, in fact, successfully eluded the police and lived -- very nicely, I might add -- on the proceeds of my adventure.

I moved to Atlanta more than five years ago and began watching your newscasts. You seemed to have a "no-nonsense" approach to the news which I can appreciate -- and thus, when I finally decided to communicate w/ the outside world, you appeared the natural choice.

I'd like to clear up two items concerning my little event. First, I did it for the sheer sake of adventure, nothing more. And this adventure was both a mental & physical challenge -- which leads me to my second item: how I eluded the police. While I shall not detail the incident -- at least not now -- I will say that it was a simple case of using simplicity when everyone else concentrated on complexity. If the police ever do discover how I did it, they will feel a bit foolish. And I even left a bit of a clue, which still remains in the area: I was back there this past summer.

[redacted] you have a wonderful city and I have enjoyed my stay. I own a house in the city and am delighted with the many cultural opportunities here. Indeed, I hope to remain in Atlanta for at least a few more years.

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Again, whether or not you believe this is "the real thing" does not concern me. I am very much aware that it is & simply wished a bit of communication with the outside world. I might call you sometime in the future ... and if so, I have enclosed an index card with something typed on it: when I call, I will identify myself by what has been typed. In addition, you can be assured of only one "authentic" D.B. Cooper.

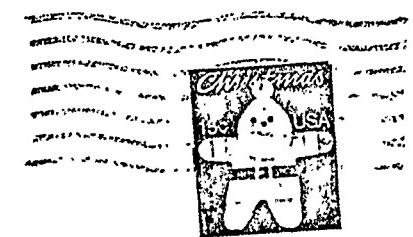
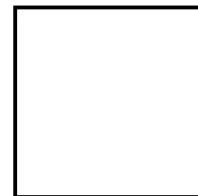
I wish you a Happy New Year and thank you for this opportunity to communicate after 10 years...

D.B. Cooper

DB Cooper 17590

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D. B. Cooper



[Redacted]  
WXIA-TV  
1611 W. Peachtree St.  
Atlanta, GA 30309

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DB Cooper-17591

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Xerox copies of this letter and the envelope and 3 x 5 card are as follows:

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Investigation on	2/13/80	at	Atlanta, Georgia	File #	AT 164-642
by	SA [REDACTED]	/lwg	Date dictated	SEARCHED	INDEXED
				SERIALIZED	2/14/80
				MAR 8 1980	
This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.					
DB Cooper-17592					

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 2/29/80

FROM : ~~SAC, ATLANTA (164-642) (P) (SQ. 2)~~ *SUBS: A, J, G, P*

SUBJECT: NORJACK  
CAA - AIR PIRACY (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

Enclosed are the following items:

1. Original and 2 copies of FD-302 dated 2/13/80, at Atlanta reflecting interview with [redacted] which incorporates xeroxed copy of a letter signed, "D. B. Cooper".

2. 1A envelope containing original letter as set forth in above FD-302, also the envelope containing this letter and a 3 x 5 card bearing numbers.

The above enclosures are being furnished to Seattle Division as it is not known by Atlanta the complete scope of this investigation as to whether or not Laboratory examination would be desired of the letter.

Investigation continuing at Atlanta.

② Seattle (Enc. 4) rec'd  
2-Atlanta  
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SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

2/29/80

SAC, ATLANTA (164-642) (P) (SQ. 2)

NORJACK  
CAA - AIR PIRACY (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

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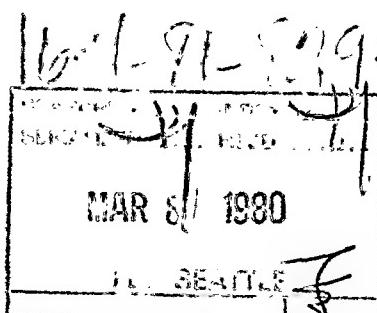
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Investigation continuing at Atlanta.

2-Seattle (Enc. 4)  
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RWT/smb  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 2/29/80

FROM ~~P~~ SAC, ATLANTA (164-642) (P) (SQ. 2)

SUBS: A, J, G, R

SUBJECT: NORJACK  
CAA - AIR PIRACY (A)  
OO: SEATTLE

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Investigation continuing at Atlanta.

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② Seattle (Enc. 4) rec'd  
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FBI - SEATTLE

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FBI

## TRANSMIT VIA:

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- PRECEDENCE:  
 Immediate  
 Priority  
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- CLASSIFICATION:  
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2/26/80  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

TO: SAC, PORTLAND  
 FROM: *LR* SAC, ALBANY (164-NEW) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
 D.B. COOPER  
 CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT  
 OO: PD

On 2/13/80, [redacted]  
 Whitehall, New York, advised that he observed the photograph  
 of unsub in connection with recent newspaper publicity and  
 he and his family members believe the photograph bears a  
 strong resemblance to [redacted] DOB [redacted]  
 [redacted] He advised he believes [redacted] Air Force serial  
 number to be [redacted]

[redacted] advised that little is known regarding  
 [redacted] since approximately 1950. [redacted]  
 served in the U.S. Air Force and was a [redacted]  
 [redacted] Following his  
 discharge, he was believed to reside in Texas and known to  
 engage in a [redacted]

[redacted] Wallingford, Vermont, have been telephonically  
 contacted periodically by [redacted] regarding [redacted]  
 whereabouts. No contacts have been made in the 1970's and  
 [redacted] has knowledge of [redacted] whereabouts or  
 activities prior to the mid 1960's.

The above submitted to the OO for elimination  
 purposes or further investigative leads at the discretion  
 of the OO.

2-Portland  
 1-Albany  
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Title NORJAK

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Agent \_\_\_\_\_

OSM \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed are two copies of Albany airtel  
to Portland, dated 2/26/80 sent to Portland  
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ASAC *for* WILLIAM R. BAKER  
PORTLAND

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2/26/80

TO: SAC, PORTLAND  
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (164-NEW) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: UNSUB;  
D.B. COOPER  
CRIME ABOARD AIRCRAFT  
CO:PD

On 2/13/80, [redacted]  
Whitehall, New York, advised that he observed the photograph  
of unsub in connection with recent newspaper publicity and  
he and his family members believe the photograph bears a  
strong resemblance to [redacted] DOB [redacted]  
[redacted] He advised he believes [redacted] Air Force serial  
number to be [redacted]

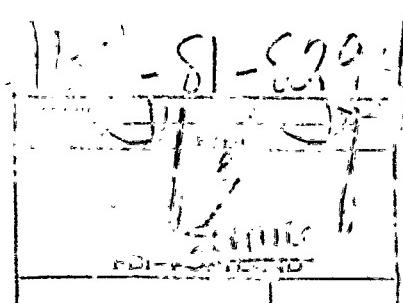
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[redacted] advised that little is known regarding  
[redacted] since approximately 1950. [redacted]  
served in the U.S. Air Force and was a [redacted]  
[redacted] Following his  
discharge, he was believed to reside in Texas and known to  
engage in a [redacted]  
[redacted] Wallingford, Vermont, have been telephonically  
contacted periodically by [redacted] regarding [redacted]  
whereabouts. No contacts have been made in the 1970's and  
[redacted] has knowledge of [redacted] whereabouts or  
activities prior to the mid 1960's.

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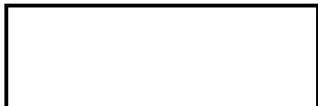


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March 5, 1980

*SUBS T.R. W*



Springfield, Missouri [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of February 16th was received and it was most thoughtful of you to furnish your views and observations. I can assure you the FBI is taking appropriate action concerning this skyjacking and your letter has been forwarded to the case agent in our Seattle, Washington, Office. In addition, the Bureau has no knowledge of any reward money still available in the Dan Cooper Case.

Sincerely yours,

Roger S. Young  
Inspector-in-Charge  
Public Affairs Office

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1 - Seattle - Enclosure *1-1-8295*  
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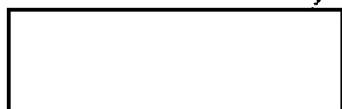
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March 5, 1980

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SUBS: J, R, W



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SUBS: E, G, J, M, G

Date of transcription 2/14/80

[redacted] Portland State  
 University, home address [redacted] home  
 telephone number [redacted] work telephone number [redacted]  
 was interviewed following [redacted] Tena Bar  
 in Vancouver, Washington, where portions of \$20 bills had been  
 found. These \$20 bills were among the money furnished a person  
 identifying himself as D. B. COOPER during a 1971 airplane high-  
 jacking attempt. [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted]  
 [redacted] of the Portland, Oregon, FBI Office.

[redacted] advised that he found the beach area  
 in the vicinity where the money was found to be in approximately  
 four different layers. These layers consisted of an upper sand  
 layer, a post dredging sand layer, a clay lump (dredge) sand  
 layer, and below that an older sand layer. The upper layer con-  
 sisted of six inches to eight inches of reworked beach sand  
 and is the sand which contained the fragments and bundles of  
 the recovered money. This sand also contained soda pop cans and  
 other debris, which were not severely damaged or rusted. The  
 post dredging sand contained older soda pop cans, rusted nails  
 and spikes, and other rusted artifacts, which were in a much more  
 deteriorated condition. The clay lump (dredge) sand was a mix-  
 ture of course sand and fragments of organic clay material,  
 ranging from one inch to five inches in size. Based on U.S. Corps  
 of Engineering records which reflect that they dredged the Columbia  
 River at this site in 1974, [redacted] stated this clay layer  
 in all probability, was deposited during that 1974 dredging. The  
 older sands, which were light in color and uniform in texture  
 and which were found below the clay lump sand, were deposited  
 prior to the 1974 dredging.

[redacted] advised that in the post dredging  
 layer, he found cross bedded coarse and medium sand, which in-  
 dicated the river and river waves had worked repeatedly on this  
 layer since 1974. The upper six inches to eight inches of re-  
 worked beach sand is the active layer which is currently being  
 worked by the water of the Columbia River.

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 Based on the condition of the money through observation,  
 [redacted] advised that the money was probably washed into  
 the location where it was found by natural river flow and was  
 probably placed at the location of Tena Bar during the last  
 rise in the Columbia River in the past two or three months.

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*AC*  
SA [redacted]

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[redacted] based this belief on three facts. The first fact being that the money was rounded off on the corners, which would indicate a rolling motion and would indicate the flow of the river. The second fact was that the money was found in the surface layer of the upper reworked beach sand. The third fact was that the distribution of the money was in this surface layer only, and none was found to be in the post dredging sand. When reminded of the fact that the rubber bands holding the money together were still in place, but extremely brittle and crumbled upon touch, [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the condition of the rubber bands would tend to lend credence to the assumption that the money had been at the location where found a longer period of time. Even with this, he still felt the money was not at the site for more than a year. At the height found, the money was definitely deposited more than four years after the dredging of the Columbia River in 1974. He also added that he felt certain that the money did not work its way up through the post dredging sand to the upper layer.

[redacted] found during his work at the site and areas surrounding the site, that the clay lump (dredged) sand ranging from a depth of approximately four feet, 25 yards from the money site, to only two feet where the money was found. He advised that this could be caused by many reasons, but most probably caused by the different elevations of the beach sand at the time the dredging occurred.

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Regarding the fact that the money itself was remarkably well preserved, [redacted] advised that sand is sterile, and in nature, is probably the best preservative of any soil. This could also be the reason that the rubber bands were still in place around the money, although they were badly deteriorated, and would also lead credence to the fact that the money had been deposited in sand the major portion of the time since it was lost. The money would not have lasted for more than a year in nature unless protected. He added that fragments of the money could have been washed anywhere down stream in the Columbia, but he doubted that any additional money found would be as well preserved unless it had been deposited in an upper layer of sand.

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[redacted] displayed a U.S. Geological Survey-Topographical Map, Bridal Veil Washington - Oregon Section, which reflected a twelve mile cross section of the drainage basin for the Washougal River. It is from this area, [redacted] felt the money likely originated from. He stated that there was approximately one stream per mile of land in this area. If a person parachuted in this basin, he would most probably come to earth on

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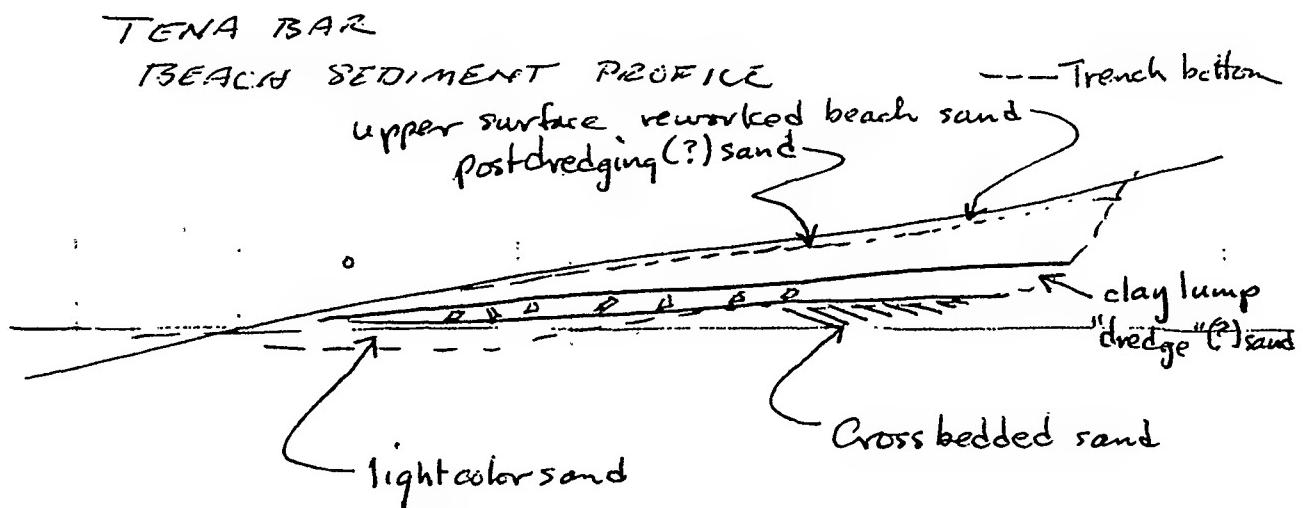
land. Based on this fact, there is a good chance the money was carried to water rather than falling into it. If the money had not landed within ten feet of a stream, odds are almost zero that the money would make the stream.

[redacted] concluded that he had been [redacted]  
[redacted] and his conclusions are based upon his experience in this field since that time.

[redacted] furnished a diagram of the beach sediment profile as it was found at Tena Bar. A xeroxed copy of this profile is attached.

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SA [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SAS  
[redacted] on February 13, 1980:

AT PORTLAND, OREGON

[redacted] Waterways  
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[redacted] after a review of his records, advised that the only dredging operation between November 24, 1971, and the present in the vicinity of the [redacted] was during August 6 through September 18, 1974.

Material dredged from the river channel in the Columbia River was placed in several locations on or near the [redacted] as well as one location across the river on the Oregon side.

The dredge material deposited at the site where the money was located came from the north half of the ship channel, which is 300 feet wide, between river mile 96 plus 38 feet and river mile 97 plus 17 feet. This material was deposited on the beach area of the [redacted] between August 19 through the 25th, 1974, and consisted of 91,100 cubic yards of fill.

The channel is maintained at 40 feet in depth and all the material above 40 feet is dredged out. The dredge "Washington" of the General Construction Company did the dredging on this project. It had a 24 inch pipe with wiper bar inside the pipe. The wiper bar keeps large objects such as rocks from passing through the pipe. [redacted]

[redacted] stated it would be possible for a 16x16x4 inch package to get through the pipe; however, it is likely that a package that size or a human body or parts thereof would

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be broken into pieces by the auger then passed through the pipe and deposited on the beach. The material deposited on the beach was spread with tractors probably over a area of 50 yards in each direction. Because of the flow of the Columbia River, sand deposited on the bank by the dredge is washed away. Additionally, an amount of dredge material deposited on the beach slides back into the river. [redacted]

[redacted] added that the dredge works 24 hours a day and any objects such as money or bones would go unnoticed if deposited on the shore during the night.

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[redacted] provided six aerial photographs of the Columbia River which show the area where the 1974 dredge material was deposited on the [redacted]. The September 6, 1974, photographs show the deposit left after the dredging and is marked to indicate where the money was located. The August 9, 1970, photographs show the area before the dredging, and the September 29, 1979, photographs show the area as it appears at present.

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[redacted] also provided a chart titled Columbia River Willow Bar, dated December 4, 1979, which has been marked to show the location of the money, dredge material, and area of the channel that was dredged.

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The following investigation was conducted by  
SA [redacted]  
AT PORTLAND, OREGON

On February 20, 1980, [redacted] U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District, telephone [redacted] was contacted regarding the possibility that bait money found near the [redacted] on February 10, 1980, could have been brought to that area by a river feeding the Columbia River from the north.

The area believed to be the drop zone of the subject in 1971, is described as that area in the State of Washington bounded on the north by the Lewis River, the east by the Clark County-Skamania County line, and the Columbia River.

[redacted] advised the only likely river feeding the Columbia River within the above described drop zone that would be capable of moving several bundles of money or a package about 16x16x4 inches to the Columbia River would be the Washougal River. A logical time, if the money came down the Washougal, would have been during the December 2, 1977 Washougal flood when parts of the river were approximately ten feet over the normal winter flood stage.

There are several other streams that feed the Columbia River upstream from the [redacted] however, due to size, or the degree of slope of the streams, it is unlikely that a small package would have made it to the Columbia. It is also unlikely that a small package would have passed through Lacamas Lake downstream to the Columbia.

[redacted] stated that based on the three feet per second speed of the Columbia River, if a small package entered the Columbia River at Washougal, Washington, and floated in the main stream of the river to the [redacted] a distance approximately thirty miles, it would take 14.7 hours. This is assuming that the package did not tumble along the bottom of the river or get caught on any snags.

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[redacted] stated that numerous streams feed the Columbia downstream from the [redacted] including the Lewis River which would move a small package to the Columbia; however, it is not possible that it would move upstream to the area the money was located.

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[redacted] provided a topographical map which includes the above described area.

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SA [redacted]

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AT PORTLAND, OREGON

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2. Two copies of an FD-302 for [redacted]

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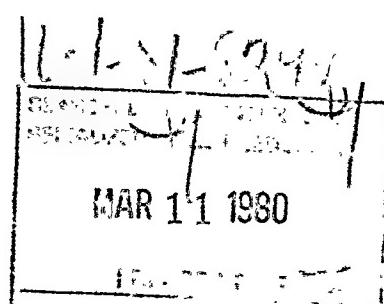
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[redacted]  
 Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and that he was being interviewed regarding the Northwest Airlines skyjacking on November 24, 1971.

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He advised that he was employed at Samsonite Luggage in Denver, Colorado, from [redacted] through [redacted] as a [redacted]. He left Denver around October, 1971 and returned to his [redacted] Minnesota, where he lived with [redacted] with the [redacted] Police Department.

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He stated that he has been [redacted] and is currently [redacted]

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He added that he has never been in the military, has no parachuting experience, he does not smoke or drink more than an occasional beer, is fairly mechanical, has a Lutheran religious background, is of [redacted] nationality, and has no speaking accent.

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[redacted] stated that he has never flown over or traveled in the Pacific Northwest area.

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He advised that he has been employed as [redacted] for the past eight years by Scheurer Realty, Inc., 4029 Harriet Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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The following information was obtained through observation and interview:

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Interviewed on 3/3/80 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # -164-73-

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] ska Date dictated 3/4/80

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MP 164-73

Name [redacted]  
Address [redacted] Minneapolis,  
Minnesota  
Telephone [redacted]  
Sex Male  
Race White  
Date of birth [redacted]  
Place of birth [redacted]  
Marital status Single  
Height 5'8"  
Weight 140-145  
Hair Light brown, thinning  
Eyes Blue, [redacted]  
[redacted] wears dark glasses  
Build Slim  
Complexion Pale  
Driver's license # None - not able to drive  
Non-Qualification Certificate  
Identification [redacted]  
Education [redacted]

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[redacted]  
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He advised that he was employed at Samsonite Luggage in Denver, Colorado, from [redacted] through [redacted] as a [redacted]. He left Denver around October, 1971 and returned to his [redacted] Minnesota, where he lived with [redacted] with the [redacted] Police Department.

He stated that he has been [redacted] and is currently [redacted]

He added that he has never been in the military, has no parachuting experience, he does not smoke or drink more than an occasional beer, is fairly mechanical, has a Lutheran religious background, is of [redacted] nationality, and has no speaking accent.

[redacted] stated that he has never flown over or traveled in the Pacific Northwest area.

He advised that he has been employed as [redacted] for the past eight years by Scheurer Realty, Inc., 4029 Harriet Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The following information was obtained through observation and interview:

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Interviewed on 3/3/80 at Minneapolis, Minnesota File # 464-73  
  
 SA [redacted] and  
 SA [redacted] :ska Date dictated 3/4/80

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# memorandum

DATE: 3/14/80

REPLY TO:  
ATTN OF: SAC MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: NORJACK  
(OO: SEATTLE)

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

SUBS: [ ] b6  
[ ] b7C

Enclosed for information of Seattle are the original and one copy of an FD-302 and the original interview notes reflecting investigation conducted by Minneapolis.

For information of Seattle, Minneapolis was telephonically advised on 2/12/80 that an individual who resembled a photograph shown on television of D. B. COOPER was residing at [ ] [ ] Minneapolis, Minnesota. The caller had no reason to believe that this individual was D. B. COOPER other than the individual's physical resemblance.

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Inasmuch as there appears to be no further investigation outstanding in this matter for the Minneapolis Division, this case is considered RUC.

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2 - Seattle (Enc. 3)  
1 - Minneapolis  
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SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (164-73) (RUC)

NORJACK  
(OO: SEATTLE)

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

CHIPS. [redacted]

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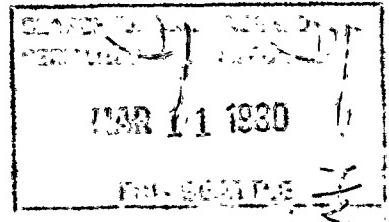
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ARMED AND DANGEROUS

2 - Seattle (Enc. 3)  
1 - Minneapolis  
TAS:ska  
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## TRANSMIT VIA:

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- CLASSIFICATION:  
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Date 3/10/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-61)

FROM: ~~SAC, BALTIMORE (164-223) (SQ8) (P)~~NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle*Sub J-*

Re Salt Lake City teletype to  
 Baltimore 3/7/80.

For information of office of origin and Salt Lake City, the information requested by Salt Lake City is unavailable from the Social Security Administration even with a properly drawn subpoena. Baltimore refers office of origin and Salt Lake City to an all SACs airtel from the Director dated 1/4/80, entitled, "Access to and Disclosure of Return, Information, and Taxpayer Return Information in Non-tax Criminal Investigations by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)." Under certain circumstances, taxpayer information is available through the IRS and if office of origin determines that this matter warrants such a request being made of the IRS, it should submit its request to the Bureau in accordance with the directions in the 1/4/80, airtel cited above.

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 2 - Salt Lake City (164-259)  
 2 - Baltimore  
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3/10/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-61)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (164-223) (SQ8) (P)  
NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle

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2 - Salt Lake City (164-259)  
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164-51-5212

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## PRECEDENCE:

Immediate  
 Priority  
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## CLASSIFICATION:

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Date 3/10/80TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-6<sup>1</sup>)FROM: ~~SAC, BALTIMORE (164-223) (SQ8) (P)~~NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle*Sub J*

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE

DATE: 3/7/80

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (?)

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: SEATTLE

*Sub J*

The following information is being made available to Seattle and it is being left to the discretion of the Seattle office whether or not to set out leads based upon the information set forth.

On 3/7/80,

[REDACTED] Mountain View, California (PROTECT BY REQUEST), advised that the artist's conception of D.B. Cooper bears a striking resemblance to a man he knew about ten years ago. He described that man as follows:

Name: [REDACTED]  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Dob: About [REDACTED]  
Ssn: [REDACTED]  
Height: 5'9  
Weight: 150 - 160 pounds  
Build: Slight  
Hair: Strawberry blond  
Complexion: Reddish  
Military: U.S. Army [REDACTED]

Marital Status: Still unmarried as of 1974.  
Home Area: Seattle suburbs, before and after military service

Occupation: [REDACTED]

Scars: [REDACTED]

Characteristics: [REDACTED]

Financial Status:

Parachute and pilot experience - none  
Not apparently in possession of large sums of money  
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2 - Seattle  
2 - San Francisco (164-220)  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE

DATE: 3/7/80

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (164-220) (P)

*SUB J*

SUBJECT: NORJAK  
OO: SEATTLE

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Marital Status: Still unmarried as of 1974.  
Home Area: Seattle suburbs, before and after military service

Occupation: [REDACTED]

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Scars: [REDACTED]

Characteristics: [REDACTED]

Parachute and pilot experience - none [REDACTED] b6-81-5313  
Financial Status: Not apparently in possession of large sums of money in 1974



2 - Seattle

2 - San Francisco (164-220)

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/7/80

FROM : SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (164-177) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK

CRIME ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT -  
AIRCRAFT HIJACKING

OO: Seattle

*SUB J*

Re Indianapolis letter to Seattle, 2/12/80.

164-81-8217,

On 2/19/80, it was determined that [redacted]

[redacted] was [redacted]  
at Michigan City, Indiana, on [redacted] and hence could not  
be the subject in this matter.

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Based on the above information, no further  
investigation is being conducted by the Indianapolis Division.

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SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (164-177) (RUC)

NORJAK  
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OO: Seattle

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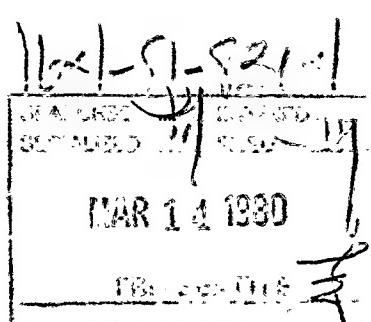
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be the subject in this matter.

Based on the above information, no further  
investigation is being conducted by the Indianapolis Division.

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1 - Indianapolis

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(3)



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Date 3/6/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE  
~~FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (164-223) (SQ.8) (P)~~  
SUBJECT: NORJAK,  
CAA - HIJACKING  
(OO: Seattle)

*Sub [redacted] J, W*  
*Sub H-Little*

Enclosed for the Seattle Office is a letter from [redacted] Fort Pearce, Florida. The letter was addressed to FBI, Washington, D. C., but was incorrectly delivered to the Wilmington, Delaware Resident Agency.

The letter, dated 2/14/80, concerns the subject and money involved in your investigation, NORJAK. The enclosed is forwarded for your information and action deemed appropriate.

Wilmington is also currently pursuing another lead on this matter which emanated from a totally unrelated source. Seattle is requested to check, if feasible, the name [redacted] against those in its file and inform Wilmington of any positive results.

*Seattle*  
*[redacted]*

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3/6/80

TO: SAC, SEATTLE  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (164-223) (SQ.8) (P)  
SUBJECT: NORJAK,  
CAA - HIJACKING  
(OO: Seattle)

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FM ALBUQUERQUE (149-131) (P)  
TO SACRAMENTO PRIORITY  
SALT LAKE CITY (164-259) PRIORITY  
SAN FRANCISCO PRIORITY  
SEATTLE (164-61) PRIORITY

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UNCLAS

NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE TO ALBUQUERQUE, MARCH 7, 1980.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF SAN FRANCISCO, ON MARCH 5, 1980,

[REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED]

MONTANA, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED BUTTE OFFICE HE WAS WATCHING  
TELEVISION PROGRAM, "GOOD MORNING, AMERICA," WHEN HE OBSERVED  
SHOWING OF COMPOSITE OF D. B. COOPER. BROWN ADVISED COMPOSITE  
STRONGLY RESEMBLES ONE [REDACTED] A FORMER ACQUAINTANCE  
WITH WHOM HE HAD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNRECALLED LOCATION IN [REDACTED] AT THE LATTER LOCATION,

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SUES: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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164-81-8306  
" " " "

re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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JOB INVOLVED [REDACTED]

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ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] FOR UNITED

NUCLEAR AT [REDACTED] IN THE EARLY SIXTIES, AND AT KENNECOTT COPPER COMPANY [REDACTED] UTAH, IN ABOUT [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] WAS A COCKY INDIVIDUAL WHO TALKED OF HIJACKING PLANES AND INDICATED HE LAST SAW HIM IN [REDACTED] IN 1970.

ON MARCH 7, 1980, RECORDS OF KENNECOTT COPPER COMPANY,

[REDACTED] UTAH, SHOWED THAT ONE [REDACTED] WAS HIRED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON MAY 21, 1969, AND CALLED IN SICK ON MAY 25, 1969, AND DID NOT REPORT FOR WORK ON MAY 26, 1969, AND WAS TERMINATED.

COMPANY RECORDS DESCRIBE [REDACTED] AS HAVING DATE OF BIRTH

[REDACTED] OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA:

BROWN HAIR; GREEN EYES; 165 POUNDS; 5'10"; LOCAL ADDRESS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SANTAQUIN, UTAH; MARITAL STATUS-SINGLE; SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBER [REDACTED]. THE RECORD ALSO SHOWED RELATIVES AS [REDACTED] AT RATON, NEW MEXICO. [REDACTED] WAS

SHOWN AS A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AT ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO,

[REDACTED] WITH MILITARY SERVICE IN THE U. S. MARINE CORPS FROM

[REDACTED]  
ON MARCH 13, 1980, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED AT HER RESIDENCE, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, HOME TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL IN SANTA FE. SHE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS A PERSON WHO WORKS [REDACTED] AND TRAVELS AROUND FREQUENTLY SINCE HE IS UNSTABLE IN HIS WORK HISTORY AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE SAID SHE LAST SAW HIM DURING THE FALL OF 1979, WHEN HE CAME THROUGH SANTA FE AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SHE SAID HE HAS NO VEHICLE AND EITHER HITCHHIKES OR TRAVELS BY BUS. HE ALSO CALLED HER DURING THE FIRST PART OF 1980 AND STATED HE WAS WORKING [REDACTED] SOMEWHERE IN UTAH, BUT SHE DID NOT KNOW HIS CURRENT LOCATION. SHE SAID THAT

[REDACTED] WAS IN THE U. S. MARINE CORPS DURING THE [REDACTED] AND ONCE SPOKE OF BEING A PARATROOPER AND CLAIMED LATER THAT HE HAD BEEN INJURED AND HAD BEEN TAKEN TO WALTER REED ARMY HOSPITAL WHERE [REDACTED] SHE SAID SHE DOUBTED THIS LATTER STORY SINCE HE HAS A KNOWN HISTORY FOR STATING EXAGERATIONS.

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED [REDACTED] AS A WHITE MALE AMERICAN, ABOUT [REDACTED] YEARS OF AGE, 5'11", 170 POUNDS, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, BROWN

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EYES, MEDIUM BUILD, HAVING A [REDACTED] POSSIBLY ON HIS

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[REDACTED] WHEN

DESCRIBING HIM, SHE ALSO USED THE TERMINOLOGY TO INDICATE THAT HE IS VERY AVERAGE LOOKING AND THEREFORE DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE.

[REDACTED] ALSO SAID THAT THE ONLY [REDACTED] HAS WHOM HE WOULD POSSIBLY CONTACT, IN ADDITION TO [REDACTED] IS HIS [REDACTED] SHE SAID [REDACTED] CURRENTLY RESIDES AT [REDACTED] OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, HOME TELEPHONE [REDACTED] THE [REDACTED] WHO SHE THOUGHT CURRENTLY [REDACTED] IN VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA. SHE SAID [REDACTED] HAS A BOYFRIEND NAMED [REDACTED] FORMERLY LIVED AT [REDACTED] (PHONETIC) [REDACTED] SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA, AND HAD A HOME TELEPHONE OF [REDACTED] SHE THOUGHT [REDACTED] HAD SINCE MOVED FROM THIS ADDRESS, BUT STILL HAS THE SAME HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER. SHE ALSO COMMENTED THAT [REDACTED] WORKED AS A [REDACTED] AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

SACRAMENTO AT VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA: WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE

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[REDACTED] AT [REDACTED] AND INTERVIEW REGARDING [REDACTED]  
WHEREABOUTS.

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AT OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA: WILL CONTACT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REGARDING [REDACTED] WHEREABOUTS. [REDACTED]

NOTED THAT [REDACTED]

AND REQUESTED THAT THE INTERVIEW BE CONDUCTED IN SUCH A WAY  
AS TO NOT UPSET [REDACTED]

SAN FRANCISCO AT SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA: WILL ATTEMPT  
TO LOCATE [REDACTED] OR SUBSEQUENT FORWARDING  
ADDRESS OR THROUGH TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

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ALBUQUERQUE AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO: WILL MAINTAIN  
CONTACT WITH [REDACTED] HOME TELEPHONE

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[REDACTED] FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF  
[REDACTED]

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FM ALBUQUERQUE (149-131) (P)

TO SACRAMENTO PRIORITY

SALT LAKE CITY (164-259) PRIORITY

SAN FRANCISCO PRIORITY

SEATTLE (164-61) PRIORITY

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UNCLAS

NORJAK (A), OO: SEATTLE, BUFILE 164-2111.

RE SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPE TO ALBUQUERQUE, MARCH 7, 1980.

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WITH WHOM HE HAD [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] UNRECALLED LOCATION IN [REDACTED] AT THE LATTER LOCATION,

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TO MINNEAPOLIS PRIORITY

SALT LAKE CITY (164-259) ROUTINE

ALBUQUERQUE ROUTINE

BALTIMORE ROUTINE

ST. LOUIS ROUTINE

SEATTLE (164-~~81~~) ROUTINE

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UNCLAS

NORJACK (A), OO: SEATTLE (BUFILE 164-2111).

RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL TO ALBUQUERQUE MAR 7, 1980.

FOR INFO OF MINNEAPOLIS, ON MAR 5, 1980, [REDACTED]

(PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED] MONTANA,

ADVISED BUTTE OFFICE HE WAS WATCHING TELEVISION PROGRAM  
"GOOD MORNING AMERICA" WHEN HE OBSERVED IT SHOWING COMPOSITE  
OF D.B. COOPER. [REDACTED] ADVISED COMPOSITE STRONGLY RESEMBLED

[REDACTED] WHOM HE HAD [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LAST SAW [REDACTED]

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UTAH, IN [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED] WAS A COCKY INDIVIDUAL AND TALKED OF HIJACKING AIRPLANES.

ON MAR 7, 1980, RECORDS AT KENNECOTT COPPER COMPANY, [REDACTED], UTAH, INDICATED [REDACTED] EMPLOYED MAY 21 THRU 26, 1969. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS BROWN EYES AND HAIR, 165 LBS., 5' 10" TALL, DOB [REDACTED] HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA. A LIFE INSURANCE BENEFICIARY LISTED FOR [REDACTED] WAS [REDACTED] IN OROVILLE.

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ON MAR 17, 1980, [REDACTED]  
 OROVILLE, TELEPHONE [REDACTED], ADVISED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ADVISED SHE LAST HEARD FROM [REDACTED]  
WHO [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO. HE WAS IN SOUTH DAKOTA AT THAT TIME, CITY UNRECALLED. [REDACTED] THOUGHT HE MAY HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AT HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY.

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CLETS INFO ON MAR 14, 1980, REVEALED [REDACTED]  
HAS DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER [REDACTED] WHICH IS CURRENTLY [REDACTED]

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MINNEAPOLIS AT LEAD, SOUTH DAKOTA: CONTACT HOMESTAKE

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MINING COMPANY REGARDING POSSIBLE LOCATION OF [redacted]

AND MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INTERVIEW [redacted]

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FM SACRAMENTO (164-50) (P)

TO MINNEAPOLIS PRIORITY

SALT LAKE CITY (164-259) ROUTINE

ALBUQUERQUE ROUTINE

BALTIMORE ROUTINE

ST. LOUIS ROUTINE

SEATTLE (164-61) ROUTINE

BT

UNCLAS

NORJACK (A), OO: SEATTLE (BUFILE 164-2111).

RE SALT LAKE CITY TEL TO ALBUQUERQUE MAR 7, 1980.

FOR INFO OF MINNEAPOLIS, ON MAR 5, 1980, [REDACTED]

(PROTECT IDENTITY), [REDACTED] MONTANA,

ADVISED BUTTE OFFICE HE WAS WATCHING TELEVISION PROGRAM

"GOOD MORNING AMERICA" WHEN HE OBSERVED IT SHOWING COMPOSITE

OF D.B. COOPER. [REDACTED] ADVISED COMPOSITE STRONGLY RESEMBLED

[REDACTED] WHOM HE HAD [REDACTED]

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164-81-8317  
JL

DB Cooper-17647

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

3/13/80

SAC, ATLANTA (164-642) (P) (SQ 2)

[redacted]

CCA  
OO: SEATTLE

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Re Atlanta airtel to Seattle dated 7/23/79; and Seattle airtel to Atlanta 1/22/80.

On 2/1/80, Deputy U.S. Marshal [redacted] U.S. Marshal's Service, Rome, Georgia, was provided with composite photographs of subject. [redacted] advised that he had not actually seen the individual whom he believed might be identical with subject, but [redacted] had met this individual. His only reason for suspecting this individual was that [redacted] knew his last name to be [redacted] and he lived on a large estate immediately [redacted]. [redacted] and [redacted] did not believe him to have any visible means of support. He therefore believed that [redacted] money must be illegal, and that was the reason he thought that individual may be identical to subject. He had no substantial information that he was identical to subject, however.

After recontacting Deputy [redacted] numerous times, on 2/27/80, he advised that he had not had a chance to show the photographs to [redacted] and that he himself had still not seen [redacted]. The photographs were returned by Deputy [redacted] at that time.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

In view of the fact that there is no reason to suspect the individual referred to by [redacted] of being identical with subject, other than the fact that he has the name [redacted], no further investigation being conducted regarding this particular individual in the Atlanta Division.

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2 - Atlanta  
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164-8308  
4-11-81

DB Cooper-17650

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/13/80

FROM : ~~SAC~~, ATLANTA (164-642) (P) (SQ 2)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

CCA  
OO: SEATTLE

Subs: 111, J

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

In view of the fact that there is no reason to suspect the individual referred to by [REDACTED] of being identical with subject, other than the fact that he has the name [REDACTED] no further investigation being conducted regarding this particular individual in the Atlanta Division.

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2 - Atlanta  
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FBI - ATLANTA  
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DB Cooper-17651

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

# Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/13/80

FROM : ~~SAC, ATLANTA (164-642) (P) (SQ 2)~~

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

CCA

OO: SEATTLE

*SUBS; HHH, J*

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

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② - Seattle  
2 - Atlanta  
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

DB Cooper-17652

164-81-8368  
FBI  
ATLANTA  
MAR 17 1980

## memorandum

DATE: 3/13/80

REPLY TO:  
ATTN OF: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (164-22) (RUC)SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SE

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Subj. a. J

Enclosed for Seattle are three color photographs and two black and white photographs of an individual identified as [redacted]. These photographs are to be returned to Little Rock for return to [redacted] Texarkana, Arkansas, Police Department.

On 2/26/80, [redacted] supra, advised that in 1972 he met an individual named [redacted] who had just moved to the Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas, area from El Centro, California, where [redacted] was allegedly an employee of the Pacific Telephone Company. [redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, who would be 34-35 years of age now, slender build, brown hair, 5'8"-5'10" tall, 140-150 lbs., and wears glasses.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] looks identical to the drawings he has seen of Unsub, aka D. B. Cooper, the suspect in captioned matter. [redacted] advised that while in Texarkana during 1972 and 1973, [redacted] worked as a [redacted] at the Sands Motel, Texarkana, Texas, and [redacted] during that period claiming that he [redacted] while working in California for the Pacific Telephone Company. [redacted] advised he got to know [redacted] because of [redacted], and [redacted] always seemed to have plenty of money to [redacted] even though [redacted] did not spend money lavishly.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was not married while residing in Texarkana, and in 1973 went to Klamath (phonetic) Falls, Oregon, to marry an unknown woman. [redacted] advised that to his knowledge, [redacted] is still residing at Klamath Falls, Oregon, and that at one time [redacted] was allegedly a [redacted] in the logging industry in Oregon. [redacted] further advised that [redacted] told him that he [redacted]

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was [redacted] in the U. S. Army and was an airborne expert parachute jumper.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] returned to Texarkana to visit for about three days in 1975, and he [redacted] has not seen nor heard from [redacted] since. [redacted] described [redacted] as a quiet, well organized, shy, yet intelligent, individual who had a full beard and long hair when he first came to Texarkana in 1972. [redacted] shaved off the beard and had his hair cut after two or three weeks in Texarkana, and then grew the beard back before he left for Klamath Falls, Oregon. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was an [redacted] and that [redacted] did not socialize very much in the Texarkana area. In fact, [redacted] advised that to his knowledge, [redacted] never dated anyone in the Texarkana area. [redacted] at one time told [redacted] that he [redacted] had friends in the State of Washington. [redacted] advised that due to [redacted] and similar physical description and facial similarity to drawings of the suspect in this matter, [redacted] alleged expertise as a parachutist, and [redacted] knowledge of California, Oregon, and Washington, he felt [redacted] might be identical to D. B. Cooper.

Further investigation by Little Rock in the setting out for leads for other offices is being held in abeyance and left to the discretion of Office of Origin. Little Rock considers this matter RUC.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3/13/80

SAC, LITTLE ROCK (164-22) (RUC)

NORJAK (A)  
OO: SE

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

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1 - Little Rock  
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DB Cooper-17655

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

memorandum

DATE: 3/13/80

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (164-22) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: SE

TO: SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

Subs: a, J

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1 - Little Rock  
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3/17/81

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10  
'REV. 7-76'  
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6  
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DB Cooper-17657

16481-8369

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

X.P.R.

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

DATE: 3/14/80

FROM : *JF* SAC, BUTTE (164-26) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle

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On 2/23/80, [REDACTED] (Protect By Request),  
[REDACTED] Missoula, Montana, telephonically contacted  
the Butte Office and advised [REDACTED] that a man,  
whom she has known for the past couple of years, looks like  
D. B. COOPER, the Unknown Subject in the captioned case.  
[REDACTED] advised that the man is [REDACTED] who formerly  
lived in Missoula, Montana, and now resides at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Grand Prairie, Texas.

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On 3/3/80, [REDACTED] supra, was contacted at  
her home. She advised that in about January of 1977, she  
met a [REDACTED] in Missoula, Montana. [REDACTED] and  
they had resided in Missoula for about one year, prior to  
January of 1977. [REDACTED] became quite well acquainted  
with [REDACTED] and from their conversations, she knows  
[REDACTED] at one time lived in the State of Washington,  
but she does not know which cities. She also advised that  
[REDACTED] had been on welfare and never seemed to have a  
steady job, although he always had "money to spend." She  
believes that [REDACTED] had been in the Navy for, as she  
recalls, ten or 15 years, and she believes that there was  
one time some comment about him being familiar with para-  
chuting, either in the Navy or as a sport.

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[REDACTED] advised that she recently saw a drawing  
of "D. B. Cooper" on television and that [REDACTED] looks  
exactly like that drawing.

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] are now residing  
at [REDACTED] Grand Prairie, Texas. She

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advised that [redacted]

[redacted] believes that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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Rhode Island, several years ago.

[redacted] advised that she is quite a good friend with [redacted] and requested that her identity as a source of this information not be revealed.

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[redacted] furnished the following description:

Name	[redacted]
Alias	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	[redacted]
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'10"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Graying (generally dyes dark brown)
Eyes	Green
Former residences	[redacted] Missoula, Montana; [redacted] (address unknown), Missoula, Montana; [redacted] (address unknown), Missoula, Montana

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On 3/3/80, [redacted] Missoula County Sheriff's Office, could find no record for [redacted] in the Sheriff's Office files.

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On 3/8/80, [redacted] Missoula, Montana, Police Department, could find no records in their files for [redacted]

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BT #164-26

LEADS

DALLAS DIVISION

AT GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS

Conduct logical investigation to determine if  
[redacted] is identical with the Unknown Subject.

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Armed and Dangerous

SAC, SEATTLE (164-81)

3/14/80

SAC, BUTTE (164-26) (EUC)

NORJAK (A)  
OO: Seattle

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[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] are now residing at [REDACTED] Grand Prairie, Texas. She

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FM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

TO SEATTLE (164-81) ROUTINE

SACRAMENTO ROUTINE

BT

UNCLAS

NORJACK (A); OO: SEATTLE.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS DATED MARCH 17,  
1980.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF SACRAMENTO AND SEATTLE, CONTACT  
WITH THE LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, DEADWOOD, SOUTH  
DAKOTA, AND HOMESTAKE GOLD MINE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT INDICATES  
THAT [REDACTED] CEASED HIS EMPLOYMENT AT THE HOMESTAKE  
GOLD MINE JANUARY 14, 1980. HE SUBSEQUENTLY ENTERED THE  
FORT MEADE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION HOSPITAL AT STURGIS, SOUTH  
DAKOTA, AND DEPARTED THERE ON FEBRUARY 26, 1980. HIS CURRENT  
LOCATION AND ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN TO AUTHORITIES AT FORT MEADE  
AND THEY STATED HIS DISCHARGE AS BEING "IRREGULAR". CRIMINAL  
FILES AT LAWRENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WERE NEGATIVE  
REGARDING [REDACTED]

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SACRAMENTO AT OROVILLE, CALIFORNIA, WILL RECONTACT

[REDACTED] AND ALL OTHER INDIVIDUALS KNOWLEDGEABLE

RE [REDACTED] CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

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DB Cooper-17666

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FM MINNEAPOLIS (164-73)

TO SEATTLE (164-61) ROUTINE

SACRAMENTO ROUTINE

BT

UNCLAS

NORJACK (A); 00: SEATTLE.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS DATED MARCH 17,  
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FOR THE INFORMATION OF SACRAMENTO AND SEATTLE, CONTACT  
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REGARDING [REDACTED]

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FM ST. LOUIS (164-M) (P)

TO MINNEAPOLIS PRIORITY

SACRAMENTO (164-50) ROUTINE

SALT LAKE CITY (164-259) ROUTINE

SEATTLE (164-~~81~~) ROUTINE

ALBUQUERQUE ROUTINE

BALTIMORE ROUTINE

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UNCLAS

NORJACK (A). OO: SEATTLE. BUFILE 164-2111.

RE SACRAMENTO TELL TYPE O MINNEAPOLIS, ARCH 17, 1980.

RECORDS NRPC-M, ST. LOUIS, MO., DISCLOSED [REDACTED]

MARINE CORPS SERVICE NUMBER [REDACTED] ARMY SERVICE NUMBER

[REDACTED], SSAN [REDACTED] LAST KNOWN ADDRESS SHOWN AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEAD, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN DECEMBER, 1979. NO PARACHUTE

TRAINING INDICATED FOR [REDACTED]

MINNEAPOLIS, HANDLE LOCATION AND INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED]

COPY OF RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPH RE [REDACTED] FORWARDED SEATTLE

VIA AIRTEL.

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[Signature]

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FM ST. LOUIS (164-M) (P)

TO MINNEAPOLIS PRIORITY

SACRAMENTO (164-50) ROUTINE

SALT LAKE CITY (164-259) ROUTINE

SEATTLE (164-61) ROUTINE

ALBUQUERQUE ROUTINE

BALTIMORE ROUTINE

BT

UNCLAS

NORJACK (A). OO: SEATTLE. BUFILE 164-2111.

RE SACRAMENTO TELETYPE TO MINNEAPOLIS, MARCH 17, 1980.

RECORDS NPROC-M, ST. LOUIS, MO., DISCLOSED [redacted]

MARINE CORPS SERVICE NUMBER [redacted] ARMY SERVICE NUMBER

[redacted] SSAN [redacted] LAST KNOWN ADDRESS SHOWN AS [redacted]

[redacted], LEAD, SOUTH DAKOTA, IN DECEMBER, 1979. NO PARACHUTE

TRAINING INDICATED FOR [redacted]

MINNEAPOLIS, HANDLE LOCATION AND INTERVIEW OF [redacted]

COPY OF RECORDS AND PHOTOGRAPH RE [redacted] FORWARDED SEATTLE

VIA AIRTEL.

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SERIAL 44  
MAY 1980  
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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To:  
SAC, Portland (164-41)

March 18, 1960

FBI FILE NO.

164-2111

LAB. NO.

Re:  
NORJAK

00304057 D LL VJ

SUB 4, M

Specimens received

February 3, 1960

Four United States Twenty Dollar Bills described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
Q60	G03072381B
Q61	L10919321A
Q62	L55066857A
Q63	L32987392A

## Result of examination:

Specimens Q60 through Q63 contained mineralogical material which was similar to the Q59 sand previously submitted.

Q60 through Q63 were photographed and will be returned with the results of the fingerprint examination.

164-81-8313

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REPORT  
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535To:  
SAC, Portland (164-41)

March 18, 1980

FBI FILE NO.

164-2111

LAB. NO.

Re:  
NORJAK

00304057 D LL VJ

SUB G, M

Specimens received

February 3, 1980

Four United States Twenty Dollar Bills described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERIAL NUMBER</u>
Q60	G03072331B
Q61	L10019321A
Q62	L55066657A
Q63	L32987392A

Result of examination:

Specimens Q60 through Q63 contained mineralogical material which was similar to the Q59 sand previously submitted.

Q60 through Q63 were photographed and will be returned with the results of the fingerprint examination.

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# FBI geologist favors Washougal River landing for D.B.

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By MYRON STRUCK  
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Did D.B. Cooper land in, or near, the Washougal River rather than the Lewis River?

In the personal opinion of the chief FBI geologist who worked on the case, D.B. Cooper may have landed in the Washougal River, not near the Lewis River where it had been presumed that he came to earth —

before about \$5,800 in compressed, wet and eroded money was found along the banks of the Columbia River in February upstream from the Lewis.

The Washougal River scenario is the private view of geologist Chris Fiedler, who handled the soil analysis on the money, and not part of the agency's official report to the Seattle field office coordinating the

among the bills and his discussions with federal geologists in the field.

He has concluded that the range of sand particles found among the bills is similar to sediment along the Columbia River and a number of its tributaries.

Fiedler's opinion has been disavowed firmly by his mineralogy division section chief.

"He could have landed in the

Columbia River," Fiedler said. "Or he could have come down in the Washougal. The latter is where my training, and instincts, tell me is more likely, based on the data I have available."

The sand tests involve little in the way of complicated equipment — only a simple microscope and some geological reference material that discusses the characteristics of sand

investigation.

Still, it seems to be the only clue — that might help the investigation the FBI was able to glean from a recent analysis of the bills in its Washington, D.C., research area known as The Laboratory.

The official report says little was found on the wad of money. The basis for the new information is Fielder's research of the sand particles found



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particles.

Those found in the bills were rounded, worn and considered to have been exposed to exceptional wear and tear.

"What we didn't find, is clay or other substances," Fiedler said.

These substances could have indicated the money originally had been buried in dirt.

When the money was sent back to the Laboratory for examination, most of the bills were compressed together, but a number could be distinguished easily. Field agents had determined that the serial numbers matched those of the \$200,000 Cooper skyjacking money.

The money was routed to the Laboratory's documents division, the lead division handling the case.

First, the money was dried out, using some 23-cent blotter paper, a pair of tweezers, some heat and a careful hand.

Individual bills were placed in cellophane envelopes and sent to the Latent Fingerprints Division. The sand particles associated with the bills were routed to the mineralogy section where Fiedler made his analysis.

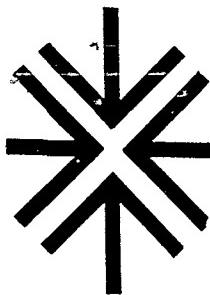
The most impressive analysis was the use of a \$36,000 experimental laser beam process to detect fingerprints.

The process was created accidentally by Xerox of Canada when it tried using laser beams to photocopy documents. Fingerprints would show up on the paper, making the process unworkable.

The substance the laser detects from fingertip contact is unknown. The device, however, has been successfully used in detecting fingerprints that were not visible through conventional chemical and powder detection.

Those conventional chemical tests also were applied to the D.B. Cooper money, seeking grease or oil fingerprint stains and amino acid fingerprint stains.

All four systems turned up nothing. The money had been exposed to the waters of the Columbia River too long. It was impossible to detect any fingerprint traces, even those of Brian Ingram, the 8-year-old boy who found the money on Tena Bar near Vancouver.



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# TAKE THE MONEY AND JUMP

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## HOW HE FOILED FBI

Last November 24th, a man identifying himself as D. Cooper parachuted from a Northwest Orient Airlines 727 jetliner between Seattle and Reno Nevada with a parcel containing 10,000 twenty dollar bills which was the ransom money that had been delivered to him while he held the planes crew hostage at the Seattle-Tacoma international airport.

The F.B.I. and other state and local law enforcement agents assisted by companies of G.L.'s from Fort Lewis have futilely wasted many hours and thousands of taxpayers dollars looking for cooper.

So far Cooper has successfully eluded his following in the same ingenious manner that he pulled off his skyjack caper, coolly staying a safe distance away from danger.

The F.B.I. headquarters in Seattle has vowed to scrutinize every foot of land between the Sea-Tac airport and Reno to turn up clues in the case.

Despite rewards of 5,000 dollars by the Medias "Fink on your Friends" programme the public has generally granted Cooper adoration and somewhat a hero status. An anonymous interviewer from the twice weekly newspaper the 'Seattle Flag' has produced a story from a taped interview with D.B. Cooper which is validated by the presentation of one of the recorded twenty dollar bills included in the ransom money.

This story was run in the 'Flag' because the interviewer was unable to send it to the 'Post-Intelligencer' because they had the 5,000 dollar reward out for Coopers head also television stations would have requested a tape from which voice prints could possibly be produced. Therefore, running the story in the Flag was the only solution.

Cooper said that the witnesses description were off by about fifteen pounds and a couple of inches. Also that the artist's impression were very poor. When asked why he was still in Washington state he added that he felt it was safer to hide where no one would imagine him to be rather than to go to some place like Mexico or South America where the authorities would naturally expect him to go.

He said he started actual work on his skyjacking plan last June. The idea came to him while he was

it was a calculated risk that's why he jumped in bad weather and at night, also he waited a little longer than usual before pulling his ripcord. Adding that his free fall was about 5,000 of the total 7,000 feet. Which was very risky doing at night.

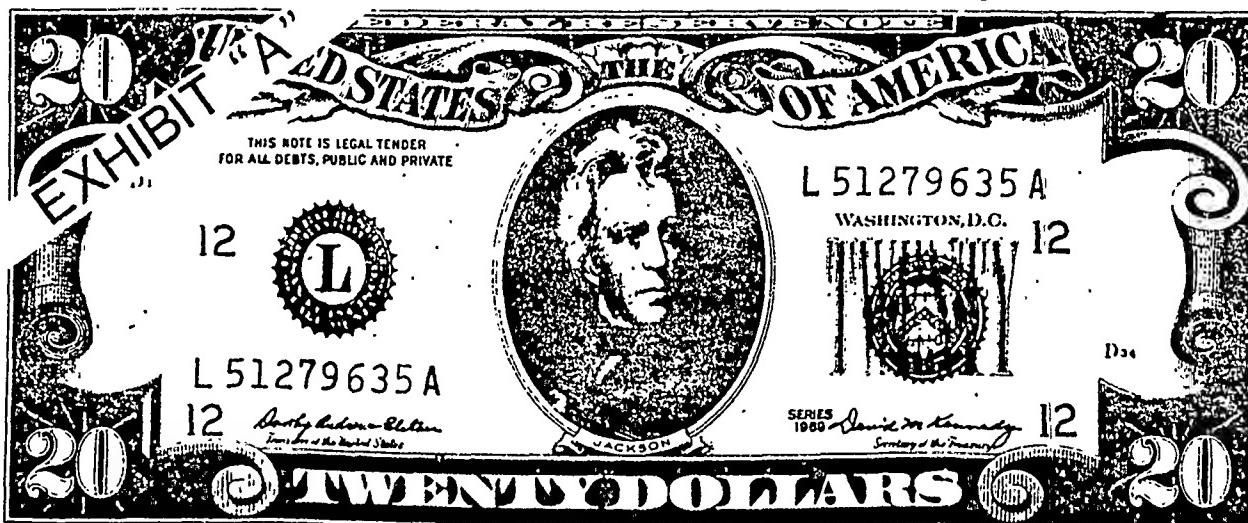
He came down about a hundred miles away from S.W., Washington contrary to the F.B.I. report that he touched down near Vancouver Washington.

The first thing he did on landing was bury his chute, he was within five miles of where he had intended in an evergreen wooded terrain. He credited this accuracy to his projected calculations and his Japanese watch. He wouldn't say whether he had an accomplice on the ground. He said he had lived in Seattle and had once

two parachutes he had ordered. A stewardess came back with the money in a canvas bag to where Cooper was holding another stewardess as hostage in the rear of the passenger cabin.

Cooper checked out the loot, first thing and noticed that they reeked of duplicating fluid. Then the stewardess made two more trips out on to the runway to bring in the chutes.

Then one of the fuel trucks pulled up...then he ordered the passengers off the plane, and everyone else into the cockpit...a middle-aged, executive looking man started to push his way back through the line into the tourist cabin. Cooper tensed up expecting the guy to try something heroic - but he had just left his briefcase on his seat and was retrieving it.



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The reason he was attracted to the plan was the alignment of the three Pratt & Whitney engines two on the sides of the rear fuselage and the third at the base of the T-tail assembly. Also the down-flaps stalling speed. One hundred

He figured if the F.B.I. was going to make a move it would be at Sea-Tac. Everybody but the stewardess he was holding hostage and the three man crew was clear of the plane. Buzzing the cockpit he asked the captain what the hold-up was. Trouble with the vapor lock was the answer. And another truck was coming. Cooper told the Captain: "Not more than one fuel truck at a time" but eventually the fuel truck

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said he started actual work on his skyjacking plan June . The idea had come to him while he was sitting T.V. He figured that skyjackers before him had fools with their hijacking planes, to go to Cuba, risking the death penalty when all they had to do charter a boat or go to Mexico and take a plane there!

stated that he did it for the money, realizing that answer not merely how to get it but rather how to get away with it. After making extensive preparations destroyed hundreds of timetables, graphs, aircraft plans, weather reports and pages of notes. He felt he had done enough preparations to be worth 200,000 rs.

described jumping from a jet going 200 miles an hour as being cold, dark, loud, windy and scary, very scary!

had prepared to some extent with long underwear gloves but in order to remain unnoticed onboard the plane he had to sacrifice some elements of comfort. had activated the stairs and opened the back door before he has over the touchdown area to confuse F.B.I....Finally using Kleenex for earplugs he ed down to the tenth step and stepped off into the void of the wind and gravity...In the darkness he heard engines of the following planes. But he realized that

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Then also he took into account the small crew: Three on the flight deck and the three stewardesses. Two central galleys and the wardrobes with the two toilets to the rear, figuring that they might come in handy as a place to hold a stewardess hostage.

#### THE ACUTAL JUMP

First the briefcase bomb was only real in the sense that it worked, it was constructed of Gillette shaving cream cans, painted red and rigged up with prima-cord fuses. When he flashed them to the stewardesses they carried out his instructions because they were well indoctrinated and thoroughly trained. Also they obeyed instructions from Mr. Nyrop of the head of Northwest.

Nyrop figured that it was easier to pay a mere 200,000 than to risk four lives and a \$ 5 million dollar airplane. Cooper could smell Xeros fluid on the money and knew that the twenties had been duplicated.

He stayed close to his original plan, only having one nervous moment when he was still negotiating on the ground at Sea-Tac airport. The fueling was being stalled, and he was getting edgy, figuring someone was planning some kind of strategy in an effort to shoot him or something. One of the pilots brought out the money and the

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The plane was again airborn at 7:40 pm four hours and forty two minutes after leaving Portland.

The parachutes were unacceptable so he decided to jump without a reserve chute.. he cut the extra chute up and used the strips to tie the money to his waist.

Next he took the stewardess forward and ordered the captain to lock the door from the inside. Then he returned aft, closing the first class and tourist compartments behind him.

Then he got on the intercom and told the captain to hold the aircraft at 7,000 feet, and speed at 200 miles per hour.

Last he ordered that nobody, under any circumstances, was to attempt to make any further contact with him. Shortly after he jumped.

Cooper declared to the reporter that he was going to retire the night of the interview and head to an undisclosed destination. He said he would be back in five years, thanks to "The Statue of Limitations!"

.....by Mike Noble



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Confirmation of the serial number on  
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I have submitted.

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I may be reached c/o the above address.

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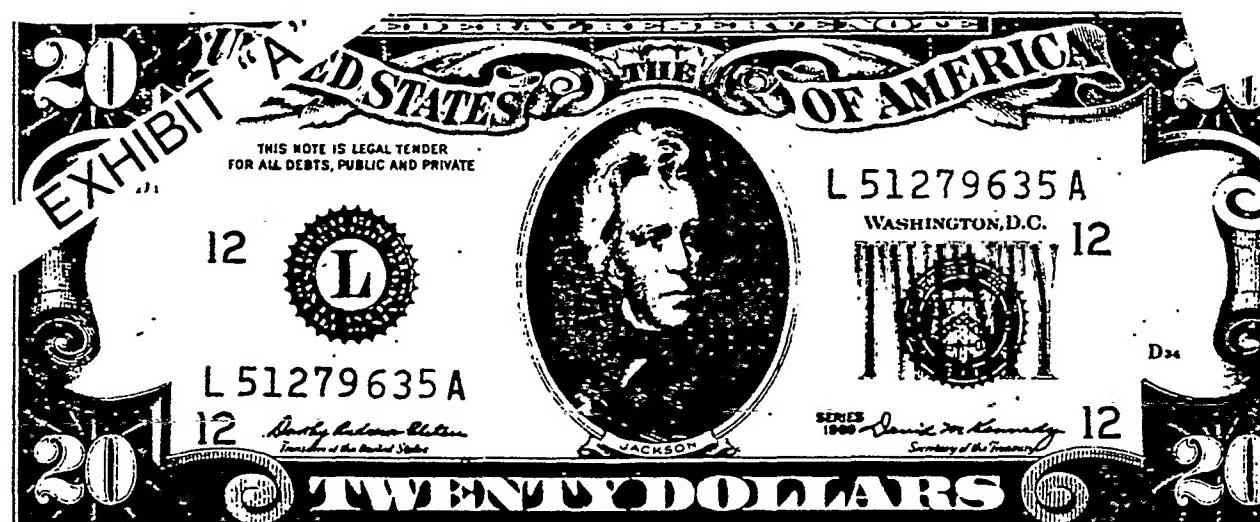
The following purports to be a copy of one of  
the twenty dollar bills taken by skyjacker "D.B. Cooper"  
when he jumped from a 727 on 24 November 1971.

I wonder whether the serial numbers correspond to any of the stolen currency.

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[redacted] stated that he did not desire a written confirmation of his letters, however, he did state that he would be interested into learning more concerning this twenty dollar bill.

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